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Atlantic Pact Defence Plan Develops

"TOP SECRET"

Maginot Line Psychology Goes Overboard

The Hague, Mar. 26.—The Atlantic Pact master defence plan will call for last-ditch defences of every member nation and no immediate strategic withdrawal to a Western defence line in the event of a Russian attack, informed quarters here for the Chiefs of Staff conference said today.

On the eve of a week of crucial meetings of top-level Atlantic Pact military and political officials, they denied the popular concept that defence plans might call for falling-back on a line somewhere west of the lowlands and for sacrificing several countries to the enemy in the initial stages of any possible invasion.

Cannibalism Reports From Famine China

Reports are reaching the Colony that the famine in China is in some areas so serious that hunger-mad peasants have resorted to cannibalism.

Recent arrivals in Hongkong from Communist China recount stories brought south by travellers from North and Central China of children being lured away by starving bands of peasants and of other instances of eating of human flesh.

Cannibalism was not unknown in previous famines in China. During the wartime famine of 1943, several cases came to the notice of Allied armed forces stationed in the country, while many instances were reported to have occurred in Hongkong during the Japanese occupation.

"There is absolutely no Maginot line psychology involved in our plans," declared one high-ranking Western military official in an interview. "We are not going to 'write off' any member nations and we are not going to retreat if attacked. We will defend every inch of soil of member nations."

The Chiefs of Staff, headed by the United States Chief of Staff, General Omar Bradley, will meet on Tuesday to stamp the defence plan "approved" and "top secret".

The Atlantic Pact standing committee, permanent body with headquarters in Washington, already has drawn up for the chiefs an agenda which is expected to deal principally with these problems:

1. Maximum in money, arms and men which each member nation can contribute to the "defence pool".
2. Unification of arms and standardising military operations procedures such as communications and battle orders.

General Bradley said he was tremendously pleased at the progress already made at the conference. One senior official said: "There has been no blinking and we all see eye to eye on the principal problem—how to stop the Russians if they ever make a grab at Europe."—United Press.



Wreckage of the Tudor air liner which crashed, with rugby international match supporters, at Sigginston, Glamorgan. Eighty people died in the air disaster. It was the heaviest death toll in the history of civil flying. — (London Express Service).

The World's Worst Air Crash

Future Status Of New Guinea

Little Headway At Jakarta

Jakarta, Mar. 26.—A spokesman announced today that the Netherlands-Indonesian Ministerial conference placed two foreign affairs items upon its seven-point agenda.

Point Two of the agenda is the future status of New Guinea—a major outstanding Indo-Dutch conflict which the Hague conference had failed to solve.

Observers, however, expect little headway to be made at this time on the subject.

Point Four unexpectedly dealt with Japan and the possibility of Indonesian representation upon the Allied Council for Japan, the Far Eastern Commission and Japanese reparations agency.

No mention was made of the Japanese treaty, although Parliamentary members already have raised a voice for the inclusion of Indonesia at Japanese peace talks.—United Press.

AMERICA'S WITCH HUNTER CHALLENGED

Washington, Mar. 26.—The chairman of the Senate investigating committee, Senator Millard Tydings, today said Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican) had produced absolutely nothing to back up his charges that the State Department was infested with Reds and pro-Communists.

"We have had no direct evidence, no facts, no paper, no action, nothing," he openly stated that the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee might break off its inquiry soon unless Senator McCarthy came forward with evidence or President Truman decided to open confidential loyalty files on persons Senator McCarthy had accused.—United Press.

CONGRESS DRIVE TO SLASH MARSHALL AID

Washington, Mar. 26.—Rebellious Democrats and economy-minded Republicans are expected to join forces tomorrow in a drive to slash Marshall Aid and other foreign assistance funds.

Coming before the House of Representatives is Democratic President Truman's request for \$3,375,000,000 to carry the Marshall Aid Programme forward another year, and to help Korea, Palestine refugees, and under-developed areas.

The President himself warned the Congressional "economic bloc" in a letter published yesterday that sharp cuts in foreign aid spending might precipitate a third world war.

And last night the Republican Foreign policy leader, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, urged the setting up of a committee to study a possible successor to the Economic Co-Operation Administration, on a worldwide instead of merely European basis.

But on the eve of the House discussion, Democratic leaders tonight forecast a hard fight by Administration supporters to prevent cuts of up to \$500,000,000.

All indications were that a strong and growing economy bloc, which has been agitating for cuts in the Government's

foreign spending programme because of the large Federal deficit, would succeed in forcing some reductions.

THE BIG TEST
The House discussions tomorrow will be on an authorization bill which would, in effect, set a ceiling on the aid funds figure.

The big test of the Foreign Aid Programme will come when the Appropriations—or "pocket"—Committee of both the House and Senate present their foreign aid bills to Congress.

These Committees decide the actual amounts of money to be made available. Their bills are not expected to come up for debate for several weeks yet.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Dairy Farm Workers Refrain

Up to eleven o'clock this morning, no delegation from the Dairy Farm Workers' Union had attempted to get into touch with the Arbitrator, Professor R. Robertson.

The time stated by the Union regarding their intentions was 10 a.m.

Professor Robertson said that he had made no appointments with any delegation, but declined to elaborate.

Snap General Election In Britain Predicted

Malaya Boycott Demanded

London, Mar. 26.—Mr Arthur Deakin, Secretary of the world's biggest trade union—Britain's Transport and General Workers—declared today that he was sure dockers would "not take any action at the ports" in response to the British Communist Party's call for a ban on the handling of war materials for Malaya.

The Party's manifesto today urged trades unions and co-operative, youth, student and women's groups to demonstrate as part of an "all-out, sustained demand throughout the country to stop the war in Malaya."

The call for the dockers' boycott was apparently aimed at inciting a British "battle of the ports" paralleling the French one in which Communist-led dockers in the last two months have refused to handle cargo destined for French forces in Indo-China.

"The dockers of this country have refused to become involved in political issues and I am sure will not want us to do so," Mr Deakin said.

Mr Deakin asserted that the Party statement "reveals clearly what I have been saying for the last two years—that the activity of the Communists among trades unionists is completely concerned with carrying out the policy of the Soviet Union and is unrelated to the real interests of trade unionists."—Reuter.

VICAR DECLARES A "FAST"
Bexhill, Sussex, Mar. 26.—The Anglican Vicar of this South-East resort, the Rev. R.S. Waterson, began a "fast against the hydrogen bomb" today—Passion Sunday.

He will fast for 12 hours a day—to back his demand for the establishment of a National Committee to negotiate with the United States and Russia to outlaw the H-bomb.

He ate a breakfast of a boiled egg and bread, and butter this morning. No other food passed his lips until darkness fell when he sat down to a "light evening meal."

The Rev. Waterson has written to the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, telling him that he is calling "all Christian people to a solemn fast and prayer" to continue until Easter Day.—Reuter.

FIRE IN ROYAL PALACE

Athens, Mar. 26.—A brief outbreak of fire caused slight damage in King Paul's office at the Royal Palace tonight. The blaze started by logs burning in the fireplace but was under control before the fire engines arrived.—Reuter.

by a number of Liberal, Socialist and Communist Walloon Members of Parliament and former Cabinet Ministers, a delegation of Antwerp and Ghent dockers was received by officials of the Walloon Congress and presented them with a "message of solidarity" from the Flemish dockers.

The hall in which the Congress was held was adorned with the emblems of Walloonism (the French-speaking part of Belgium)—a red cock on a yellow background.

BUDGET THE KEY FOR TIMING

London, Mar. 26.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and his Labour lieutenants may decide on a snap General Election any time in the next six months, political sources here predicted today.

Some observers believed that a new contest might come as early as June—six weeks after the annual budget on April 18.

In the present House of Commons Labour has an overall majority of only five votes.

The Conservative Opposition, led by Mr Winston Churchill, would like to see the Government remain in office long enough to take the blame for what they call "Socialist economic mismanagement in the past five years."

They would use their strength in Parliament to see that the Government was continuously harassed to the brink of the precipice though not pushed over the edge.

This prospect does not attract Labour—which has the advantage of being able to dictate the timing of the next Election.

Some Government supporters believe that Labour has the trump cards in the present Parliament and can score decisively if it plays them properly.

NO CRISIS?
They predict that the weeks immediately ahead will show an improvement in Britain's overall economic position, falsifying suggestions that there would be a crisis this year.

Figures for Britain's gold and dollar reserves for the first quarter of 1950—showing progress in closing the "dollar gap"—will be published within a fortnight. They are expected to reflect an encouraging position.

On the other hand, if the trade unions generally stage a revolt against the wage stabilization policy the whole Government recovery plan would be wrecked.

T.U.C. BACKING
Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will discuss the wage freeze tomorrow with a delegation from the Trades Union Congress. The T.U.C. itself is expected to continue to back Sir Stafford—but it can apply no sanctions to its 8,000,000 membership.

BRITON SHOT IN RIOT
Calcutta, Mar. 26.—The President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, Mr A. L. Cameron, was shot dead in the morning near Chinsurah, about 23 miles from Calcutta.

Mr Cameron, who was a partner in the Andrew Yule Company, was returning to Calcutta from Chinsurah when he was caught in a communal riot in a mill area through which he had to pass.—Reuter.

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Harry Pollitt Hits Back

Sharp Attack On Morrison

London, Mar. 26.—The Secretary of the British Communist Party, Mr Harry Pollitt, today described as a "farrago of lies and nonsense" the declaration last Friday of the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Herbert Morrison, who in his statement appealed to British trade unions to get rid of Communists as soon as possible.

Mr Pollitt declared that Mr Morrison was the "architect of the Labour Party's defeat at the General Election."

"Purging the unions of Communists does not harm the Communists: it does harm the trade unions as many sections of the Transport and General Workers Union are beginning to find out," Mr Pollitt added.

This was at a time when the Labour Government had "betrayed the principle of internationalism over the Setetse Khama case," when American bombers and air forces "are already occupying our best aerodromes" and when America, "through its demand (in Paris) on Britain fully to accept its dictate in regard to the European payments union, is trying to wreck Britain's economy."—Reuter.

Eisenhower's Warning To Be Probed

New York, Mar. 26.—General Dwight Eisenhower has accepted an invitation to discuss with a Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee on Wednesday his view that the United States has pointed beyond the safety point.

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American Ship In Collision

Hamburg, Mar. 26.—The United States steamer "Igonquin Victory," 7,002 tons, and the Icelandic motor ship Godafoss, 2,003 tons, were in collision today in dense fog in the Elbe Estuary, the Hamburg ships reporting centre reported tonight.

There was neither damage nor casualties and the two ships arrived here tonight under their own steam.—Reuter.

Belgium's Crisis: Growing Prospect Of Dissolution Of Parliament

Charleroi, Mar. 26.—The Walloon Congress, which met in an extraordinary session here today, passed a resolution denouncing "the attempts of the Flemish clericalism to assert their grip over the whole of Belgium."

"Under the cover of a King who has become their instrument, they want to install a Salazar-like regime in Belgium," the resolution further said.

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In Brussels, M. Albert Devez, veteran Belgian Liberal leader and an anti-Leopoldist, who has begun preparations to try to

form a new Belgian Cabinet, today declared that "if my attempts fail, the only possible alternative will be the dissolution of Parliament and new General Elections."

He was called upon to form a new Government last night by the Belgian Regent, Prince Charles, in a move to end the political deadlock following the resignation of the Coalition Catholic-Liberal Cabinet.

M. Devez said that "it is my patriotic duty to seek for the Royal problem a national solution acceptable to the country's three main parties (the Catholics, the Socialists and the Liberals)."—Reuter.

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WARDROBE BUILDERS



By ALICE AIDEN

SEPARATE skirts and blouses designed to trade partners and seemingly fashioned of everything from leather to lace, work wonderful wardrobe magic, whether for busy stay-at-homes or for happy resorters. Nice for smart early spring wear is this wool team by Sacy. The skirt, banded for colour contrast, goes in for soft unpressed pleats, while the blouse goes in for a high neckline with a neat collar and easy push-up sleeves. It is washable.

1920 look with Eton crop at the ballet party

MANY women wore ankle-length dresses at the Covent Garden ballet party recently. One French woman wore a 1920 outfit, long-waisted, flat-chested, and kneelength skirt, with an Eton crop. Everyone laughed.

Miss Dorothy Dickson wore a diamond tiara. She was surprised to find that a tiara on the short cut was very becoming and quite easy to keep on.

She wore a biscuit yellow ankle-length dress decorated with tiny mauve sequins. Lady Diana Cooper wore a tiara made of roses.

The Queen's dress

How little the ball gown changes through the years. At the Royal Command performance at Covent Garden on March 23, 1939, in honour of M. Lebrun and his wife, the Queen wore a white dress made of tulle, and the skirt was scattered with gold sequins. The bodice was closely embroidered with gold paillettes.

On this occasion the Queen's dress was again white, but made of satin.

It was embroidered with topaz and white rhinestones and scattered with hundreds of gold and silver paillettes.

Both exquisite

BOTH dresses are exquisite, but the 1939 dress could be worn as successfully in 1950—and the 1950 dress would not have looked wrong in 1930.

At the reception at the French Embassy there were a few red dresses, more black, lots of grey and pastel shades.

Mrs. Peter Thorneycroft, M.P.'s wife, tall, dark, and beautiful, wore three-tiered black satin brocade dress with a strapless bodice. With it she wore long black gloves and a pearl bib necklace with drop earrings.

M. P. Lady Tweedsmuir wore a heavy ottoman silk grey dress with silver lame spots woven



The two-way sweater.

into the fabric. It was a simple dress with a heart-shaped neckline and tiny sleeves, with twin bows on the neckline and silver paillettes on each shoulder. Her jewels were diamonds and sapphires.

Working girl Miss Diana Lytleton, Press Officer at the Palace, wore champagne satin—an off-the-shoulder dress with draped décolleté and full skirt with diamonds.

Chilean Ambassador's wife Madame Bianchi bought her gown in Paris. It was one of the loveliest gowns at the reception.

Made from pink tulle it had 70 yards of material in the skirt.

The dress was scattered with pale blue sequins, giving it a misty look. Madame Bianchi wore pearl and diamond jewellery.

Mrs. Atlee wore a full skirted gown of grey brocade woven with pastel coloured flowers. The dress was made by Mrs. Atlee's own dressmaker, and she wore with it a diamond brooch.

Mrs. Christopher Soames (Mrs. Mary Churchill) looked beauti-

ful in a peach coloured satin dress, with a wide full skirt and broad shoulder-straps.

Sleeveless look

How are women going to like the new sleeveless look? I have seen in the shops this week sweaters, dresses, and even nightdresses without sleeves.

The bodice is cut with a definite shoulder line, and the armhole is bare and plain... and ugly.

A young woman with a well-shaped arm can wear it successfully, but a woman's upper arm is not a thing of beauty, and a sleeveless garment is unflattering to many women.

The sweater in the photograph can be worn back to front. The straight shoulder-line has been broken by a ribbed cuff made of fine wool in many colours. It sells for approximately £4.

Susan Deacon

(London Express Service)

SPRING TRAVELLER



By VERA WINSTON

ICE green wool fleece is used for a topper that would be nice for travel and ideal for cool spring days. It takes a surprise line in its buttoned closing and slanting button holes. Both buttons and button-holes are on the straight below the belt which is of russet brown antelope leather. The collar is rolled on one side, pointed on the other, and the turn-back cuffs are slit. It's a very new looking topper.

"Paris Getting Too American"

JUST back from the Paris opening, Jack Horwitz of an American dress company expressed the opinion that "the collections are getting too American." The clothes are too much like the types designers at home can do the best.

"We go over there for the inspiration Paris has been noted for, but the more tie-ups French designers make with America, the less inspiration we find there and the less traffic there will be to France."

Typical

A fashion co-ordinator seated next to him at the Fifth Avenue collection, "Why, I saw the East's American collection," and he feels that comment was typical of the feeling at the openings.

A Balenciaga evening dress in a clan plaid made a big hit with Mr. Horwitz and is one of the Balenciaga things he purchased along with some models from Rochas and Faith.

Both Mr. Horwitz and designer Barry Bur were very enthusiastic about the typical French men's clothes they purchased at one of the department stores. The vests worn by hotel porters, a rabbit hunting jacket and the coat worn by doormen were among the things they brought back for future inspiration.

Household Hints

Take inventory of your closet space. You may be able to add new shelves to closets and shallow shelves to closet doors. When people have their clothes they are likely to be more careful to hang them up or put them in their proper places.

Take good care of your sewing machine. Remove the needle occasionally and clean out lint and dust that have accumulated frequently to keep it in good running order.

Your Nails Need More Than a Hasty Application of Polish



Courtesy Maybelline

Before you apply polish give nails a complete manicure. They need cleaning, clipping and an application of cuticle cream. After this, put on the rosy glow!

By HELEN FOLLETT

FANCY not, when you have applied the ruby varnish to these pretty sheaths at your finger tips, that you have done your full duty by them. You haven't. Unless they have proper care they will not remain smooth of surface, pleasing of colour.

Finger nails are beautiful and delicate, perfectly designed and utilitarian. Those of the infant are like tiny rose petals. Little girls should be taught to keep these petals glowing and clean, to pass the orange wood stick under the eaves every day. The eaves have a way of picking up bacteria that may cause serious illness.

Brittle nails are supposed to be caused by a diet deficiency. If you are fretted by this trouble take a glass of orange or tomato juice for breakfast, drink a quart of milk a day. Contact with strong soaps and cleaning agents will cause damage, will dim the shining surfaces. While spots are caused by little air pockets between the tiny scales that are

After rinsing and drying, apply cuticle cream to the nail. By means of the orange wood stick, lift the flesh gently from the nail fabric. If you flush up any little shreds of flesh, snip them away with the curved, needle-point scissors, holding the points away from the finger tip so as not to cause a wound.

Wash away the cream, apply the polish, letting the liquid drain from the bristles of the brush, so you will not put on too heavy an application. Wait a few minutes and repeat the treatment. You'll find some new and luscious shades at cosmetic counters.



Menu for a "Brunch" Party

"CHEF, what do you think I would be an enjoyable main dish to serve at a brunch party?"

"Brunch, Madame? You mean a snack that might be eaten between breakfast and lunch?"

"Much more than that, Chef. I mean a meal served late in the morning, that takes the place of both breakfast and lunch."

"Then it is something like the French déjeuner, Madame?"

"That's right, except it's eaten a little earlier; eleven o'clock is a good time."

Holiday Morning

"That would be very nice for a Sunday morning. Well, since this must be a regular meal, Madame, I think the ham and eggs would be good, or perhaps scrambled eggs with bacon and potatoes sauté."

"They would be good for a family meal. But I'm thinking of a brunch party."

"In that case we must have something a little more elaborate and de luxe, such as kidneys en brochette with grilled sweet potatoes, or chicken à la king, or creamed oysters on toast, or a cheese soufflé with crisp bacon. And then there is the favourite served in many fine hotels. I mean eggs Benedict."

English Muffins

"That's really my favourite, too. But many homemakers would hesitate to serve eggs Benedict, because they think they need so much last-minute preparation."

"And, Madame, I think it would give an unusual flavour to use the different kinds of smoked fish, such as smoked salmon, white fish or sturgeon, herring or broiled flumm haddock or smoked mackerel."

"Those combinations would be exceptionally good, and they are varied enough to suit any taste. Now let's plan some brunch party menus."

1. Citrus cup supreme; eggs Benedict made with thin sausage cakes; potatoes sauté; tart apple sauce; Philadelphia cinnamon buns and coffee.

2. Grapefruit and orange sections; eggs Benedict made with sliced Cheddar cheese, grilled sweet potatoes; mixed pickles; usual chop course and add ½ c. warm, sugared doughnuts and coffee.

Suggestion of the Chef

To make hot spinach vinaigrette, cook 2 lbs. spinach as usual, chop coarsely and add ½ c. vinaigrette sauce. Heat and serve.

What's The Right Age For A Child To Begin Reading?

By G. CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph. D.

ALTHOUGH reading experts generally agree that the age of 6½ years is early enough for the child to begin to read, most children could learn to read earlier. Some very bright children could learn to read at three or four. Thomas Carlyle and John Stuart Mill could but vaguely recall when they began to read. A biographer of McCauley writes: "From the time he was three years old he read incessantly flat on his stomach, in front of the fire, his book on the hearth-rug, a piece of bread and butter in his hands." Southey went to school and learned to read there at three. Samuel Butler could read and write before three, learning Latin at four. Rousseau while a mere tot would sit up with his father past midnight showing him off and brag about reading. They read to each other.

Eye Strain

In the first place, the child under six has poor eye co-ordination. Reading earlier will mean considerable eye strain. And if the child masters the skill of reading very early he may choose to read too much for healthy vision. What is more, if he is far advanced in reading skill unduly early he is separated socially from his normal playmates. Such precocity at school learning is almost sure to cause his adoring parents and other relatives to show him off and brag about him.

What, then, may parents of the preschool child they consider precocious (practically any child, indeed) do to satisfy and cultivate his intellectual curiosity? They can read and read and read to him. They can let him enrich his vocabulary, further his case of expression, give him more to think about and talk about, and stimulate his creative imagination. Before long he will be making up all sorts of yarns out of his own little head. He also may want to give back what he has heard. In his make-believe fun he may "read" whole stories word for word from memory.

Concentration Cultivated

Here again his parents may be tempted to exploit him or show him off or urge him against his will to say things from memory, so he will seem as smart as certain other children, even smarter. Best of all, reading to the preschool child cultivates good concentration habits in him. What can be more valuable to him at school later than to have learned earlier to listen raptly and continuously?

Wise parents will stimulate this preschool child to build and make things for fun, to draw and paint and to play with other children at make-believe. Ten thousand times more valuable to the tot from three to five than to learn to read is for him to have lots of fun with other children.

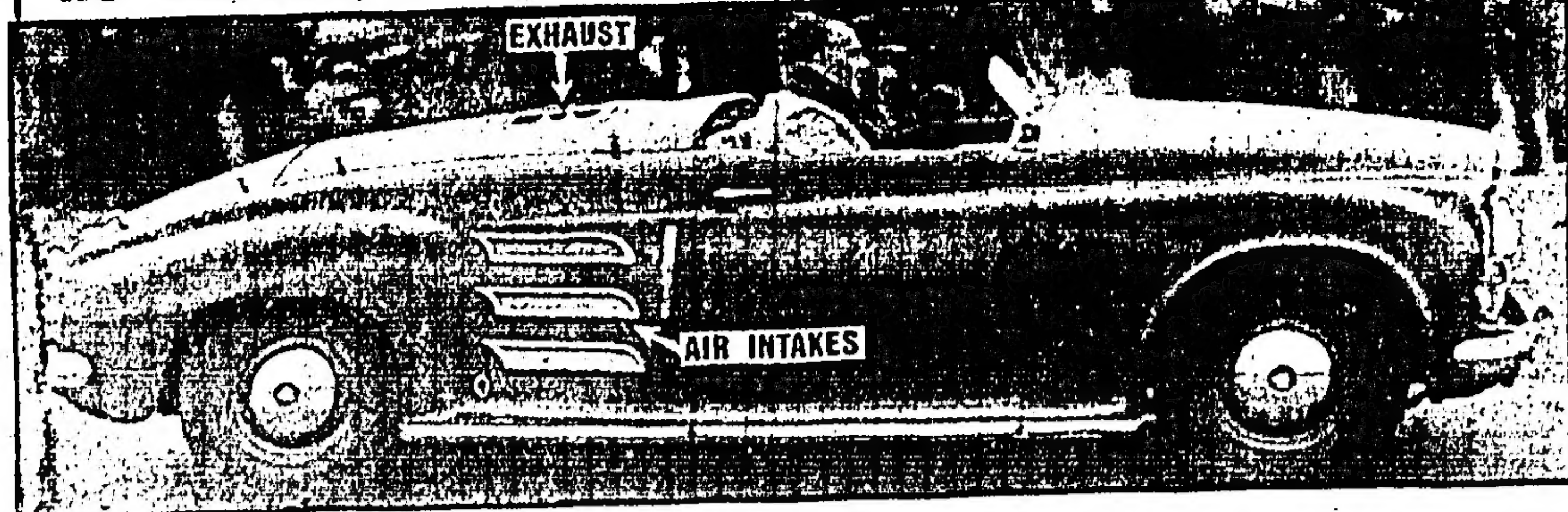
Pretty Picture Hat



By ALICE AIDEN

At the recent showing of the American Guild of Fashion Designers were seen some exquisite creations typical of which is this lovely hat created by Elizabeth Hamilton who designs for a big millinery manufacturing firm. The darling picture silhouette of natural Shantung straw is faced with chiffon and edged with small black straw pom-poms. The Gibson veil, drawn tightly over the face, is secured by a velvet choker which snaps at the back.

NO CLUTCH, NO GEARS—FIRST JET-AGE CAR SETS OUT



GRANDMOTHER TAKES WHEEL

'80 mph—but easy as a cradle'

By Basil Cardew

TOWCESTER.

The world's first jet-age car—made in Britain—did 90 miles an hour in its public tryout on the Silverstone circuit, Northants. And the throttle pedal was not fully down.

It has no normal gear lever and no clutch.

It accelerates like a racing car, and the noise of its gas-turbine engine is between a deep hiss and a long drawn out sigh—like a large Primus stove.

The car, an open three-seater, swept round the three-mile track and immediately became known as the Whizzard. Two hundred motoring experts, from all over the world whistled and wondered.

The Primus-stove noise came from inlets on each side of the

body, behind the doors, where air is sucked through three thin grilles to the compressor.

At the wheel sat jet-engineer Maurice Wilks. To start, he had pressed the normal starter button to get the compressor working. This took just over 12 seconds.

How it went

Then the Whizzard glided away. It shot up to 60 miles per hour in 14 seconds. I felt the heat as the car passed, and smelled the paraffin fuel.

Occasionally the turbine engine left a trail of blue smoke. At 90 miles an hour Wilks had only two controls—accelerator and brake. The Whizzard has a minimum of things to worry the driver.

When he stopped I asked Wilks to reverse. He pulled a lever on the right. The Whizzard shot backwards.

Then Mrs. Kathleen Wilks, 51-year-old grandmother, wife of Rover's managing director, drove. She adjusted her headrest round her white hair, and slid into the red leather driving seat. She took the car twice round the circuit and said: "Easier than rocking a cradle. I registered just over 80 miles per hour. With no gear lever to worry about, the car gives a beautiful drive."

It was all as simple as that.

How it works

Nobody was allowed to see under the bonnet (on this one the dicky seat panel). The Whizzard was untouchable and locked.

This is how it works: The engine is just in front of the back axle. Air is sucked through the side grille and compressed. Cold air goes into two combustion chambers. Here the paraffin fuel burns in the compressed air.

Hot gases then pass through a small turbine which drives the compressor. From there they pass through the main turbine which drives the wheels.

A small gear box is fitted for reversing and idling. Spent gases escape through the exhaust, which is pointed upwards.

How it was done

Only 14 days ago the Whizzard's engine was on the bench in the research room at the Rover works at Solihull, Birmingham. Then it was tested.

The body of an 18-horsepower Rover was fitted, the top "dressed off" and twin racing windshields fitted to give the car a sports look.

Less than 24 hours before its first public appearance the car was certified by the Royal Automobile Club after a secret test on a proving ground at Nuneaton.

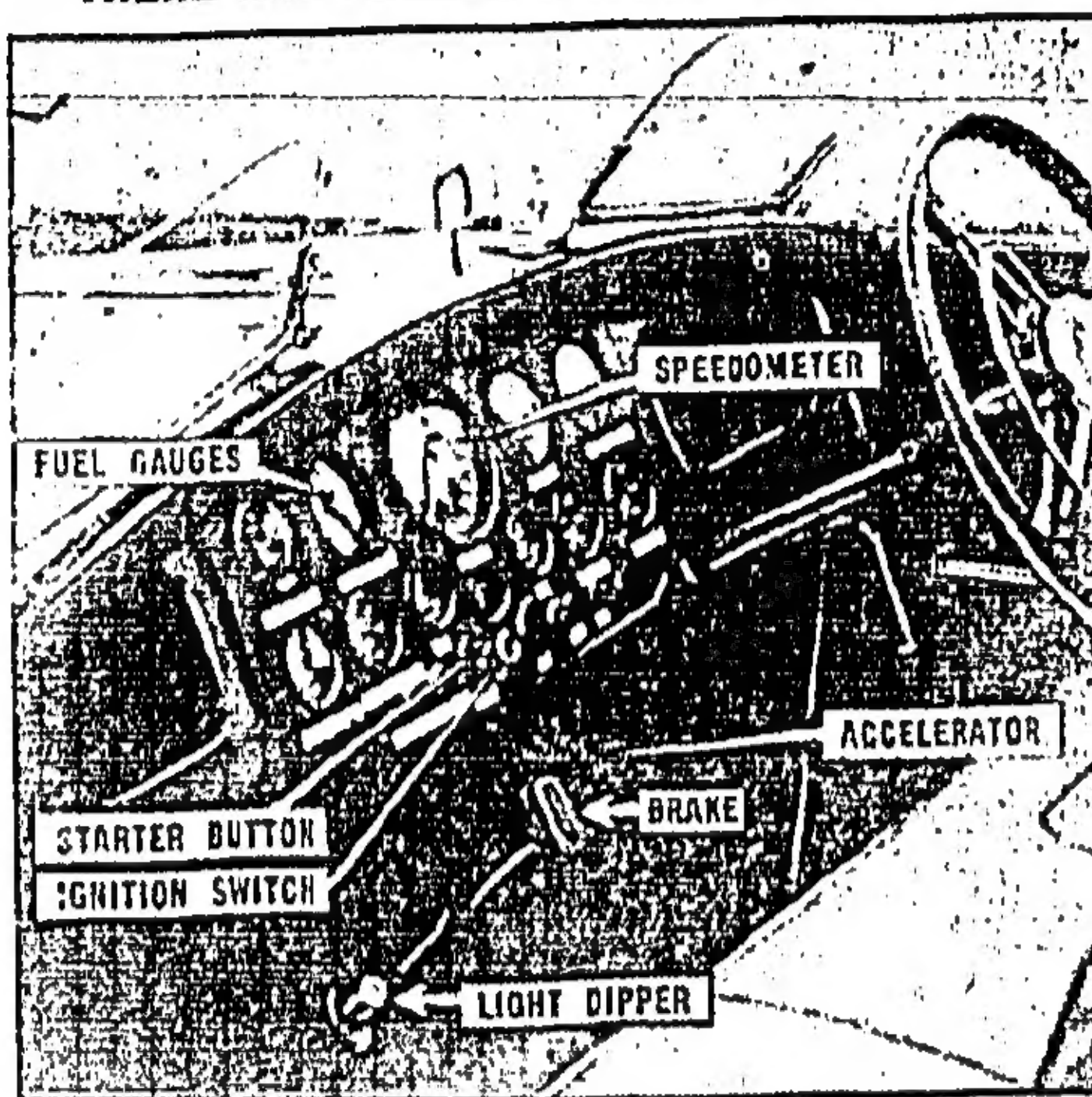
When will the Whizzard come on the market? After a lot more work. The finished article will have more passenger room and less engine space, said Mr. Spencer Wilks, Rover managing director—husband of one of the test drivers and brother of the other.

—(London Express Service)

AT SILVERSTONE—MOVING AT SPEED

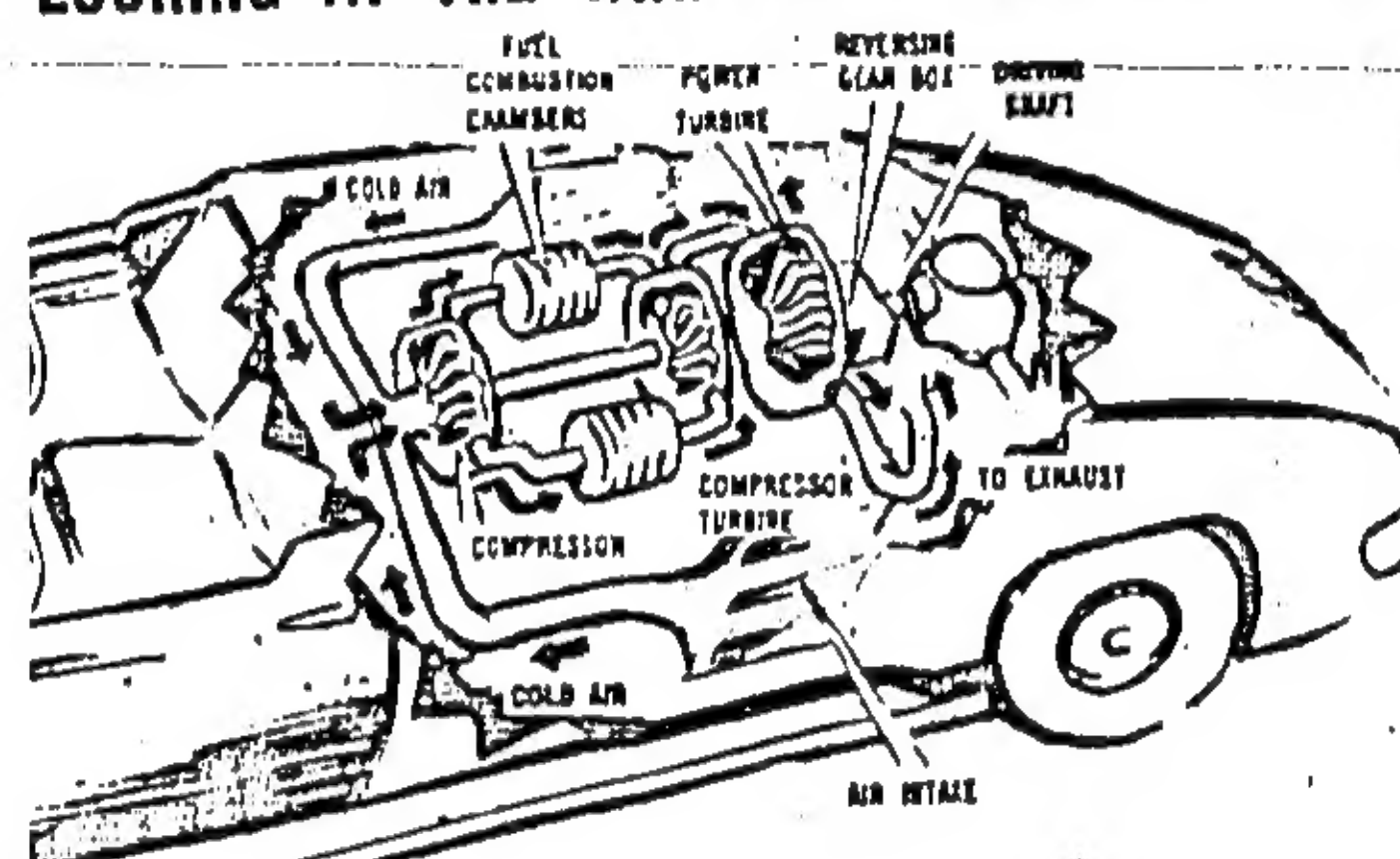
The car that runs on paraffin

THERE ARE TWELVE CLOCKS TO WATCH...



The controls—a brake, an accelerator

LOOKING AT THE WHIZZARD'S 'ENGINE-ROOM'



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Airlines Worried By Dollar Spares

Dollar cost of buying spares for their U.S.-built airliners is worrying some of the European operators. Practically every European country outside the Iron Curtain, including Britain, uses American aircraft.

This means getting from America replacement engines, propellers and almost everything down to the smallest nut and bolt.

Now one of Europe's leading airlines is proposing that a factory be built on the European side of the Atlantic to manufacture American spares. The idea is likely to receive the support of all other airlines.

BEST-SELLING DOVE

BRITAIN'S best-seller in the civil air world is the little De Havilland Dove twin-engine 9-10 passenger aeroplane. In three years since the end of 1946 de Havilland's have turned

out an average of two Doves a week. They have sold 300 of them all over the world, bringing in roughly £6,000,000.

The Dove was designed as a post-war replacement for the fine old D. H. aeroplane, the Rapide, which was lying on the shorter routes all over the world before the war. Some are still going strong.

Now the Dove is to have a bigger sister, the 14-17-seater Heron, which is intended to replace the pre-war D. H. 86.

PROFIT IN THE AIR

AMERICAN Airlines, largest of the "domestic" United States operators and parent company of the Atlantic-flying American Overseas Airlines, turned a loss of £1,033,453 in 1948 into a £2,325,441 profit last year.

Which shows that money can be made in the air transport industry.

ROC BIRTHDAY

THE Royal Observer Corps is 25 years old in April. When it began in 1925, the observers were special constables who were detailed for aircraft spotting.

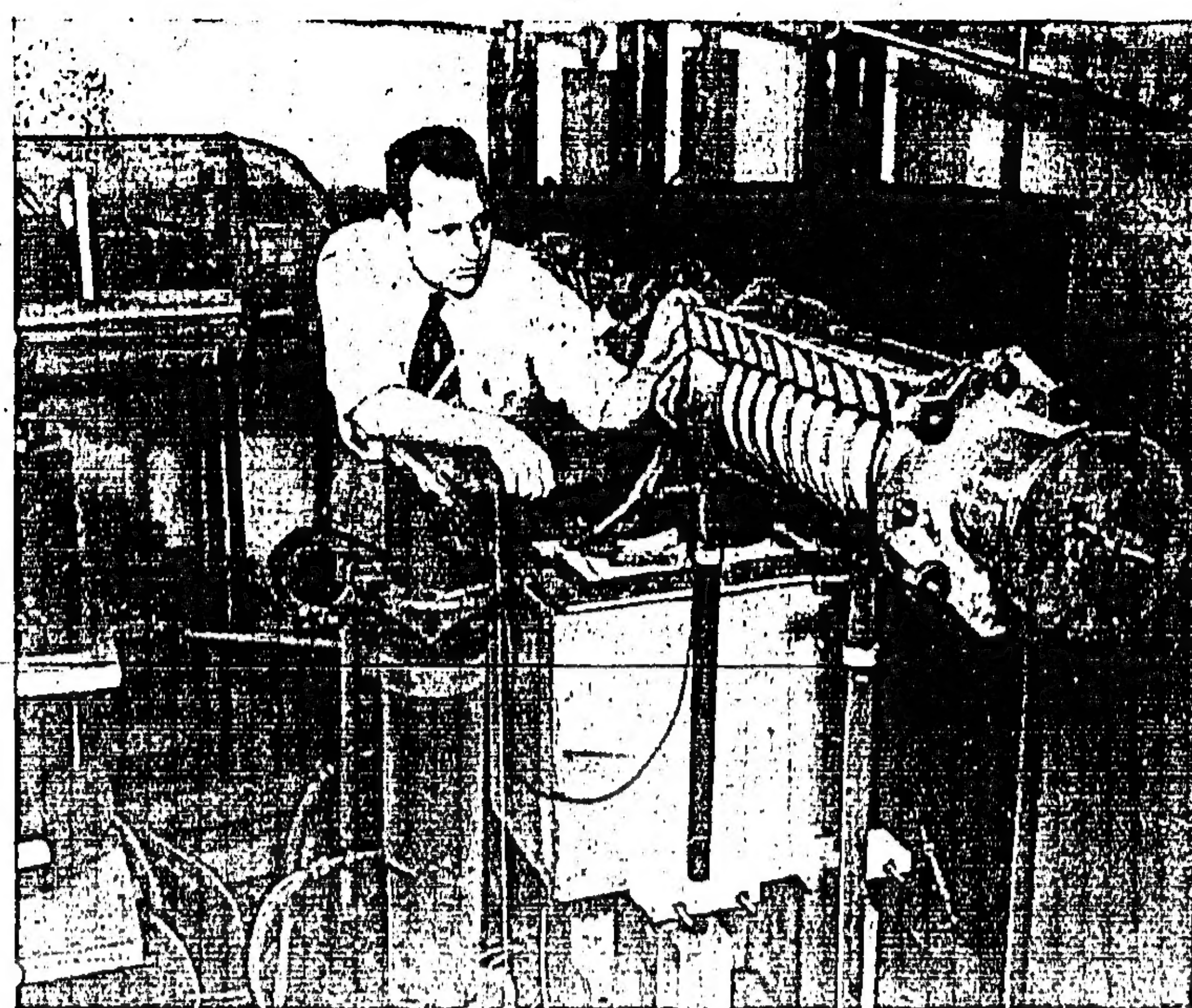
It was "stood down" after the war but was reformed 18 months later, and the ROC once again forms a vital part in the air defence of Britain. It has a strength of about 13,000 men and 2,000 women.

New Bavarian Party

Nuremberg, Mar. 26.—Representatives from all parts of Bavaria today founded a new political party, the "Refugees Bloc", to fight in the State elections in the autumn.

The Party's programme calls for the peaceful return to Germany of the territories lost in the East through the war. Till that occurs it will work for equal rights for refugees inside the present West Germany.—Reuter.

NEWS IN PICTURES



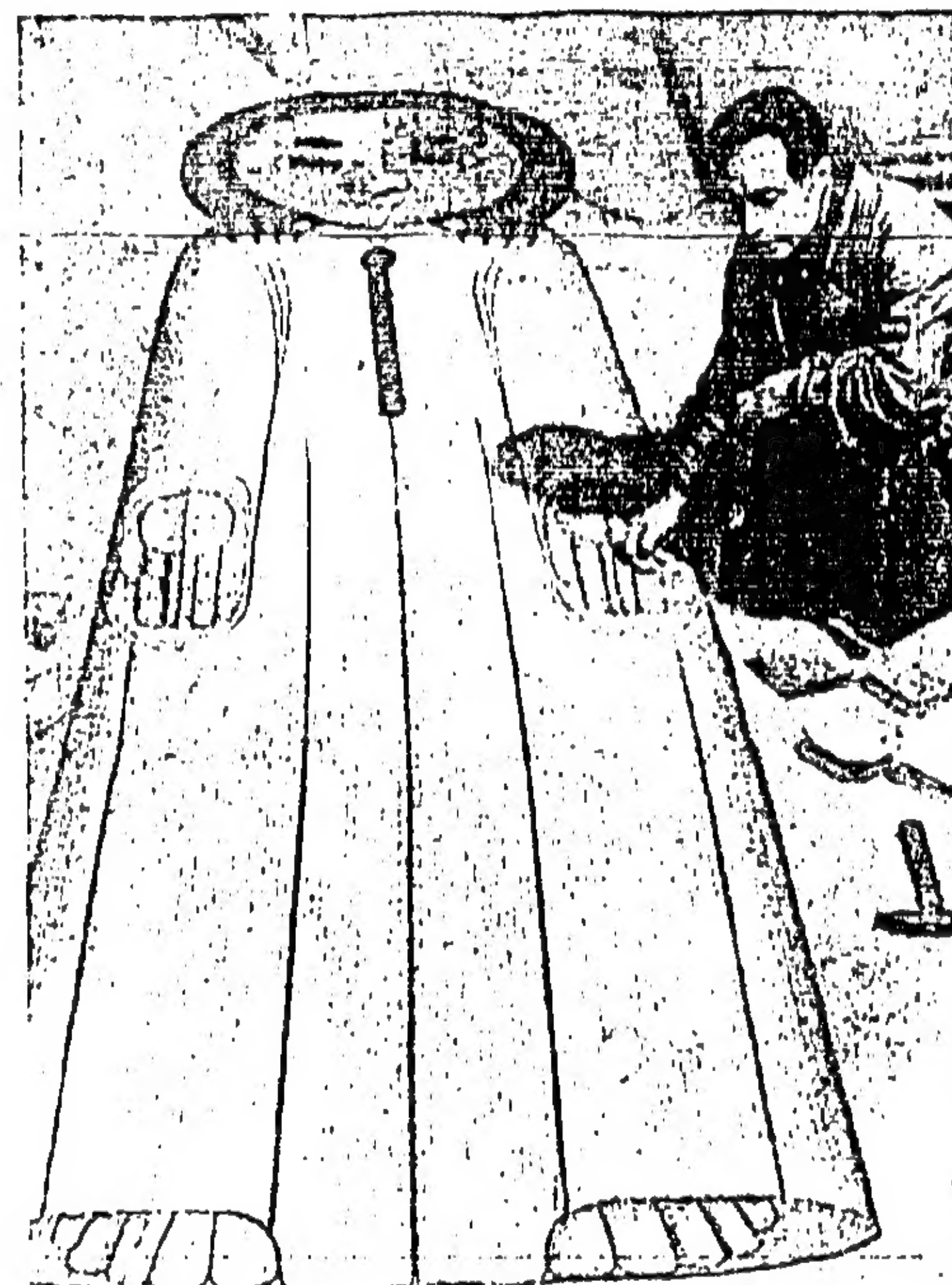
JUNIOR-SIZE ATOM SMASHER — Dr. Glenn Miller, Iowa State College physicist, makes adjustments on the small atom smasher, the construction of which he has directed for the past two years. The instrument will be used to study the properties of atomic particles passing through matter.



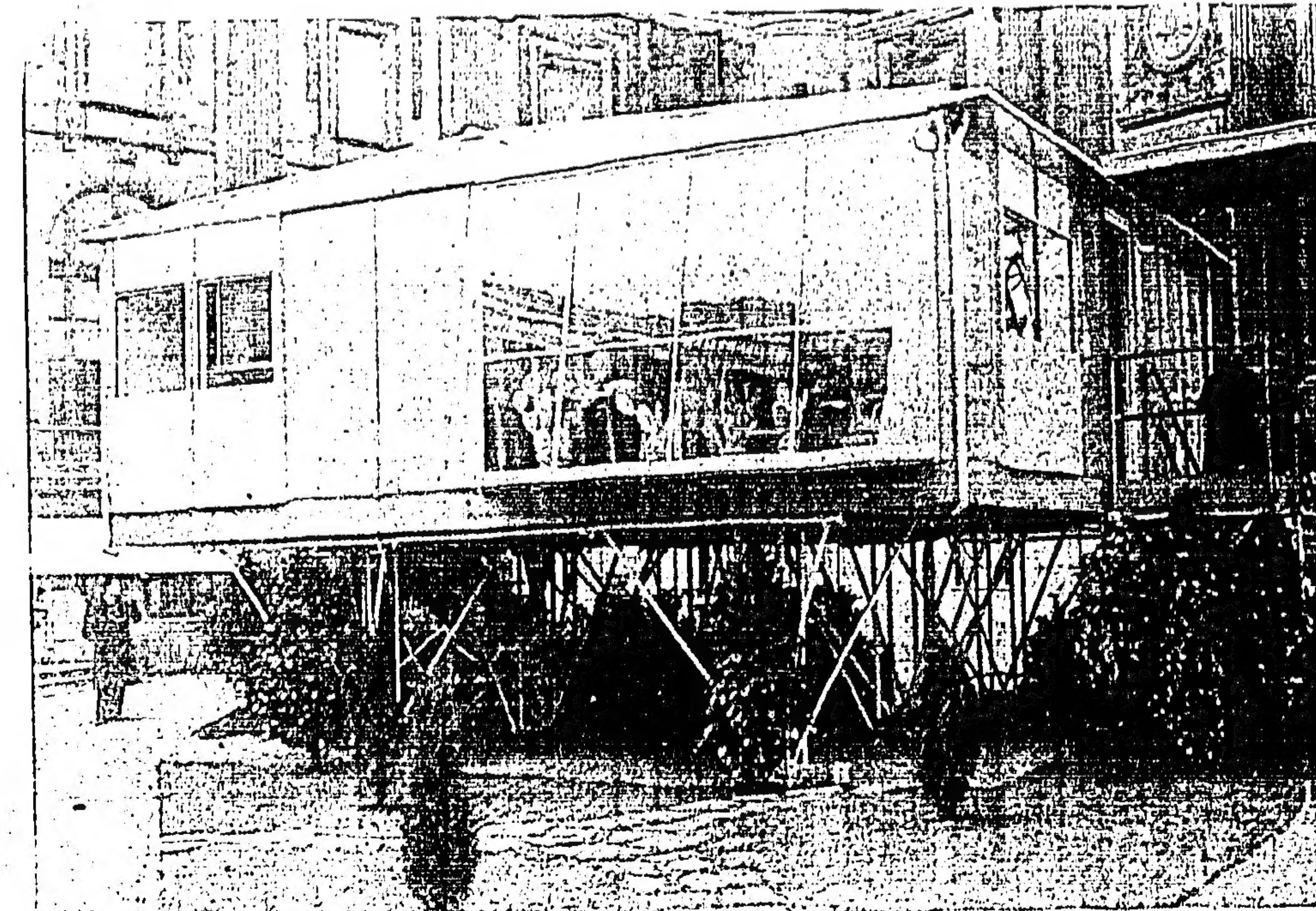
DIFFERENT — Dancer Eleanor Marvak, shown in Hollywood, will soon be seen in a picture with Betty Hutton. This handsome lass with the lovely face should make a definite place for herself in films.



FRIGID DISPLAY—Block-ice packaging of fish for shipping was one of the features of the Ideal Home Exhibition which opened in Paris. The show also displayed the latest development in modern conveniences for the making of better homes.



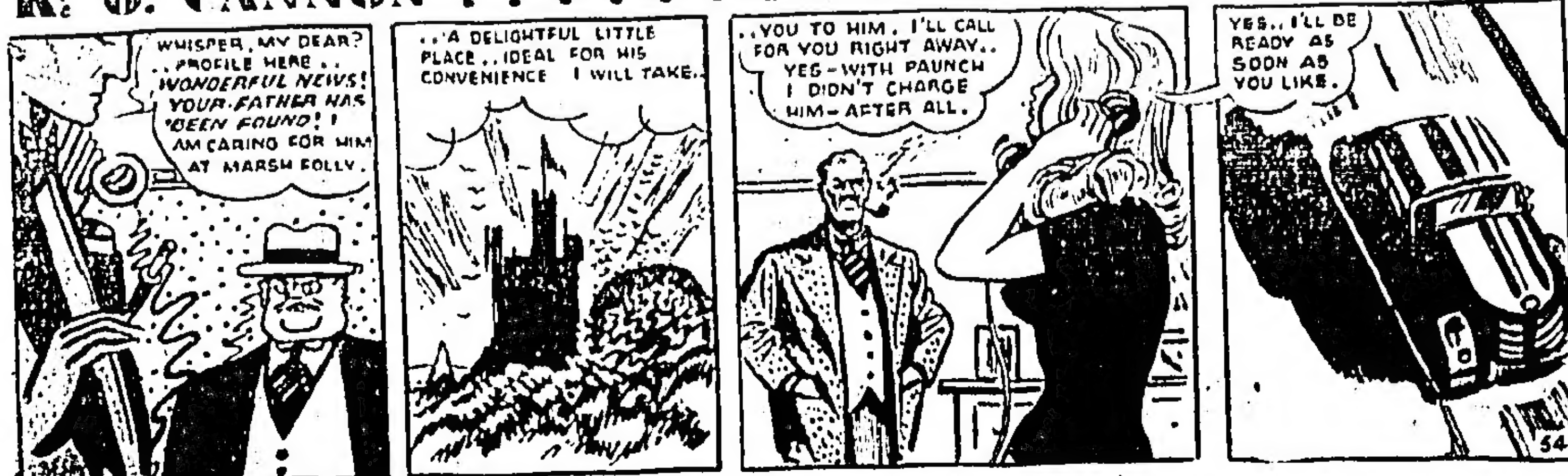
SYMBOLIC GIFT FOR U.N. — Sculptor Benjamin Bufano of San Francisco is working on this huge mosaic in Rome. It will eventually cover a 35-foot stainless steel and granite statue, representing unification of the world races, at the United Nations New York headquarters as a gift of the San Francisco Press Club. Its four eyes represent the four races.



IDEAL HOME — Architect Henri Prouve displays his aluminium house, built on piles, at the 1950 annual Ideal Home Exhibition in Paris. This home, designed for a family of four, is provided with the most modern household accessories.

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The Riddle of the Red Domino



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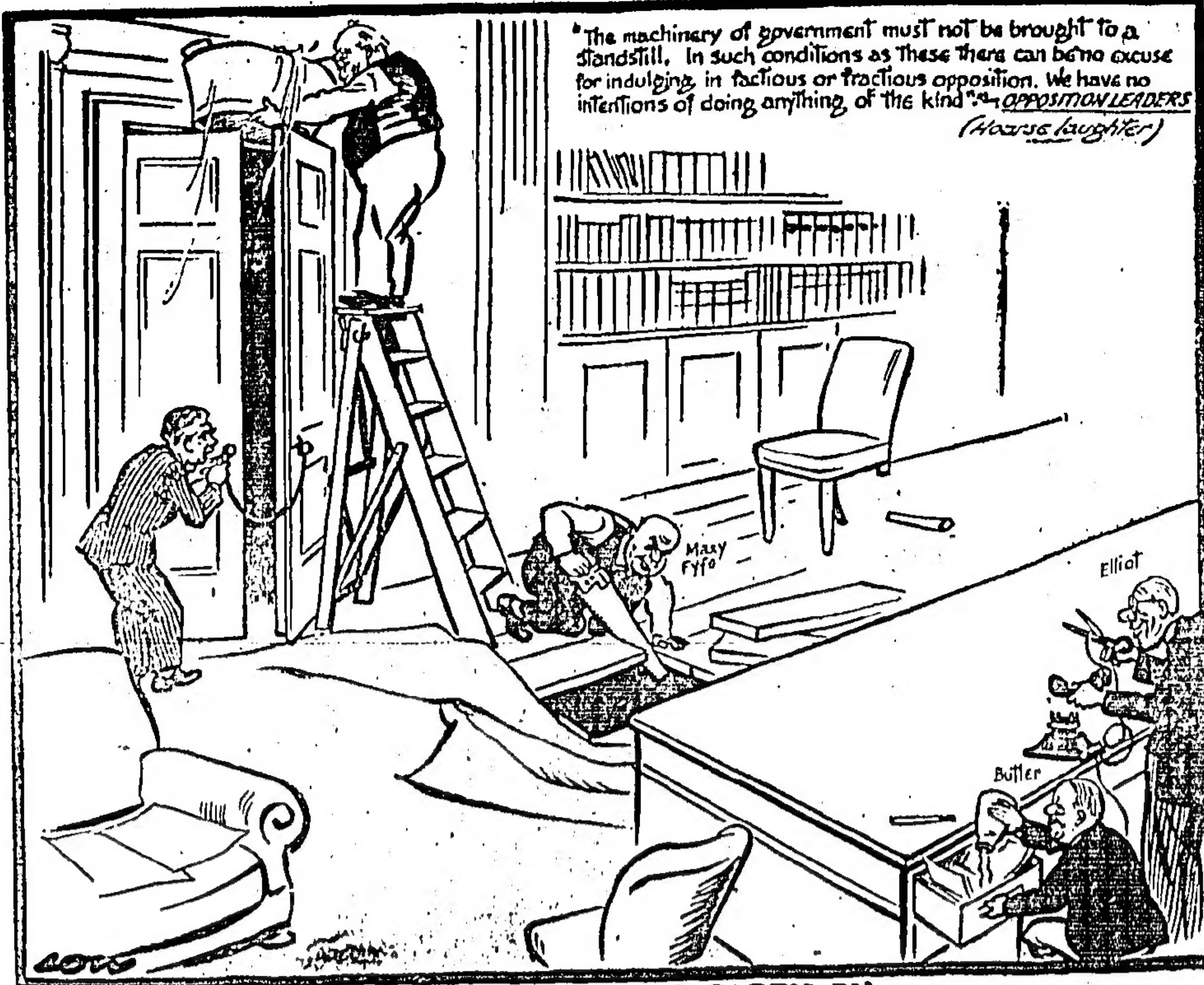
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HOW STATE POWER HITS THE CHURCH —By THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

When the Church of England has a view to express on any of the big political questions of the day, it comes first and most emphatically from Dr. Garbett, Archbishop of York. Today his important statement is on the problems of the Church itself in the Twentieth Century political set-up.

'They are squeezing us out of it'

By HAROLD BRETT

THE Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, describes in a book just published* how "an extension of the power and activities of the State" has affected the work of the Church.

"In Tudor days," he says, "State interference was often autocratic and capricious, but usually its action was negative... its edicts passed over the heads of ordinary citizens."

"Today the new totalitarian State for good or for ill, and often unquestionably for good, regulates and plans the lives of all its subjects."

"In Great Britain the growth of State power makes itself felt on the Church in a different way. Gradually and almost insensibly, and without any hostile intent, the State takes over work which used to be the responsibility of the Church and squeezes it out of fields which once it had occupied."

"Education, the relief of the poor, help for the unemployed, welfare work of various kind, clubs for youth and most of the duties of the old vestry have been taken over by the State."

"Usually this has meant gain in efficiency for the material resources of the State far exceed those possessed by any voluntary societies, but the Church has been crowded out of spheres of work previously regarded as especially belonging to it."

Dr. Garbett adds: "Only in one direction has the State increased the social work of the clergy and that is by the enormous number of forms and papers concerning pensions,

grants, and appointments of all kinds which must be signed or witnessed by a minister of religion, a doctor, or a magistrate."

The 'difficulties' and 'dangers'

ARCHBISHOP GARBETT gives a list of the difficulties and dangers that arise from the Church's present links with the State.

1. ITS BISHOPS and deans are selected by a Prime Minister who need not even be a Christian. State officials appoint the incumbents of nearly 1,000 benefices.

2. THERE IS little to stop a totalitarian State bringing the Church under tight control with a vast system of jobs for the clerical boys.

3. NO CHANGE in doctrine can be made without the Act of a Parliament, which now has a majority of men indifferent and many hostile to organised religion. Prayer Book reforms, the wish of the majority of the Church and the result of 14 years' labours, was thrown out by a majority of the House of Commons, including Communists and a Parsee member.

4. CONTROL over the use of Church property is in the hands of Parliament.

5. THE FINAL court of appeal for the Church is the Privy Council. Bishops can be present as assessors, but they have no votes.

6. PARLIAMENT passes laws, such as those on divorce, which may be contrary to those of the Church.

'I spoke for social reform'

REVIEWING the changing political allegiances of churchmen during the twentieth century Dr Garbett writes:

"With the collapse of Liberalism the political foe of the Church has gone, fear of its victory is now no reason for voting for the other party."

"Many of the clergy especially those who have worked in the great industrial cities are in sympathy with the Labour Party and some of them are as ready to support it by speech and vote as their predecessors supported Conservatism."

"William Temple (Archbishop of Canterbury until 1944) was for many years a member of the Labour Party, and though I never joined the party as a young curate, I occasionally spoke on its platform in support of social reform."

"Temple's political influence was considerable, especially over the younger men and women. His speeches and his writings led many to support Labour long after he had given up his own membership of the party."

The Archbishop quotes a reviewer in the Times Literary Supplement:

"The sweeping Labour victory in the General Election of 1945 will certainly not be counted just among the forces that have shaped contemporary British life, and without consciously intending it William Temple probably contributed as much to that result as any one man."

"To him as much as to any man is due the fact that on July 5, 1945, hundreds of thousands of middle class homes decided to give Labour a chance."

"Although he always distinguished the Labour movement from the Labour Party, he made the Labour Party respectable."

'Nationalisation' has cut income'

THE Church is hard up, Dr Garbett details some of the "adverse legislation" which has caused financial loss. Recent examples:

"The nationalisation of railways and the conversion of Local Loans to holdings with lower rates of interest have reduced considerably the financial resources of the Church."

The nationalisation of the coal-mines has cut the Church's investment income again.

Today, the archbishop says, the Church has 15,000 clergy—men where it needs 18,000. Even if it could find extra clergy it could not pay them.

DR. CYRIL GARBETT
"Now we fill forms."

In spite of this Dr Garbett recommends:

(1) Minimum pay of £500 a year for parsons.

(2) Make it easier to remove lazy or quarrelsome parsons.

(3) Get rid of big parsonages. Something must be done, he says, "The choice is between helplessness and incompetently drifting to disaster or carrying through a far-reaching policy of reform."

That is the verdict of the Church's own archbishop.

(London Express Service)

C. V. R. Thompson on tour Atom town is still nice to the English

OAKRIDGE, Tennessee.
THEY are still very nice to Englishmen at Oakridge, America's top-secret atom city. I know because I went there today. And, as the first Englishman visitor since the Fuchs case, I can report that they did not clap me in irons, or even warn me off.

Indeed, at first I almost thought I would be able to walk off with an isotope, whatever that is. For along the mountain road into this city of 33,000 people, which the US Government runs to keep itself in atom bombs, there were "welcome" signs.

And instead of secret agents I found billboards telling me that I was entering "the cradle of the atomic era" and expressing the hope—by courtesy of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Oakridge—that I would enjoy my visit.

It was all rather like entering the outskirts of Bournemouth.

GONE WERE the 15 miles of electrically charged wire that I had heard about. Gone were the armies of guards.

One policeman was all I saw, and he was holding up traffic for a mother and one of the most recent occupants of the cradle of the atomic era.

NO ONE stopped me when I left the bungalow town built on the mountainside and headed towards the offices of the Atomic Energy Commission—monopoly holders for our side of all atomic weapons.

And I was just asking myself why these Americans had the nerve to criticise our security system when I got it.

"You're an American citizen, of course," said the hotten Southern accent belonging to the girl behind the counter who was about to issue me a pass.

"Oh," she said, in slightly less honeyed tones, when I said I was British. There was considerable telephoning after that.

But, finally, she pinned a little badge on my lapel, and I could go in—if escorted—to see the security officer.

JUST AS he began talking to me a hooter went off. There was frantic activity all over the building.

Secretaries and their bosses picked up all the secret papers on their desks, and pushed them into a fireproof safe.

Apparently that is what they do every time there is a fire alarm. It is just in case there is a big blaze and there is a spy



around willing to brave the flames. Then I was rushed out of the building. Not, I assure you, from a sentimental regard for my safety, but to make sure, in the confusion that no secrets came my way.

It was a false alarm. And, after the all-clear, the security officer turned me over to two other officials—both of high rank—with instructions for them to show me Oakridge.

They did—at 35 miles per hour.

NOW I know all the styles of architecture used in the Government housing plan for its atom staff. And I found out Oakridge's theme, which is plastered all over billboards: An American tradition—safety for all.

My hosts took great pains to give me some groundwork—available in all the up-to-date physics books—on how the atom is split.

They even gave me a dime, which they made radio-active in front of my eyes, as a souvenir.

AND to the store of secret information I gathered, I must add the chief problem confronting the atom workers. It is not radio-activity, the Russians, the hell bomb, or which of a score of competing unions to join.

What they are after is a fast four-lane highway into the neighbouring town of Clinton. They want it because their spiteful Tennessee neighbours have ruled that Oakridge must stay dry, and there are liquor shops in Clinton.

MY HOSTS were so charming and so painstaking that it was not until I was on my way to Memphis that I realised that they had not told me one new fact about the working side of Oakridge that I had not even seen the outside of an atom factory, and that I did not know at which end of the valley they were situated.

But it is comforting to know, all the same, that there are still very nice to Englishmen at Oakridge.

Women Volunteer For Trip

By JUD DIXON

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Dan Towns can advance written evidence that women are not the so-called weaker sex.

Towns is a 25-year-old student at Texas Christian University and plans a 25,000-mile jeep expedition beginning next October 12, at the furthest tip of South America—Magallanes, Chile.

Much of the estimated seven-month trip, which will take him up through South America, through the United States and into Alaska, and back again to this country, is through uncharted jungle in South America.

Towns wants a woman to join him and three other men on the jaunt. A woman on the trip, he explained, will make "the whole thing more dramatic; it will make the pictures we expect to take a lot more saleable."

Since announcing his plans, Towns has received letters from a school teacher, a nurse, an airline stewardess, and a

switchboard operator, to mention a few, all wanting to make the trip. They feel rugged enough.

The nurse, from Johnstown, N.Y., wrote that "while a woman is very unusual for anyone to consider on an expedition's personnel list," she would still like to go. She delivered numerous babies as an army nurse on a South Pacific island, and "might do the same along the route of your expedition and make much good will for you."

The airline stewardess, from State Centre, Iowa, said her run took her from Dallas to New York, and every time she landed there she went around to the Explorers' Club. For eight years, she said, she had always wanted to be a writer and explorer.

Towns has been planning the expedition for six years, ever since he was on Merchant

Marine duty in Dutch and British Guiana. He has always wanted to be a writer, and that is one of the reasons of the trip—to break into the writing business.

Besides, the three-deep expedition should serve to arouse public interest in opening the gaps in the uncompleted Pan American highway.

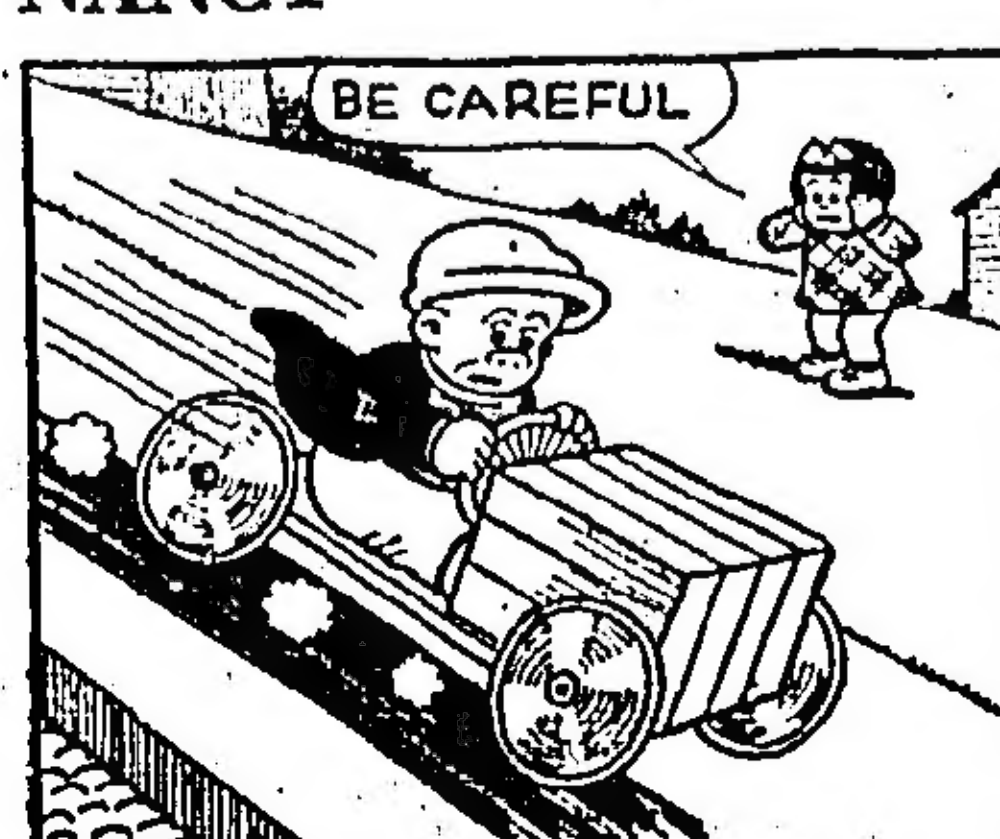
So far, he has selected only one other person to make the trip. That is Owen Day, Fort Worth artist and cartoonist.

Still sought is the woman, who will be selected by a special screening committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

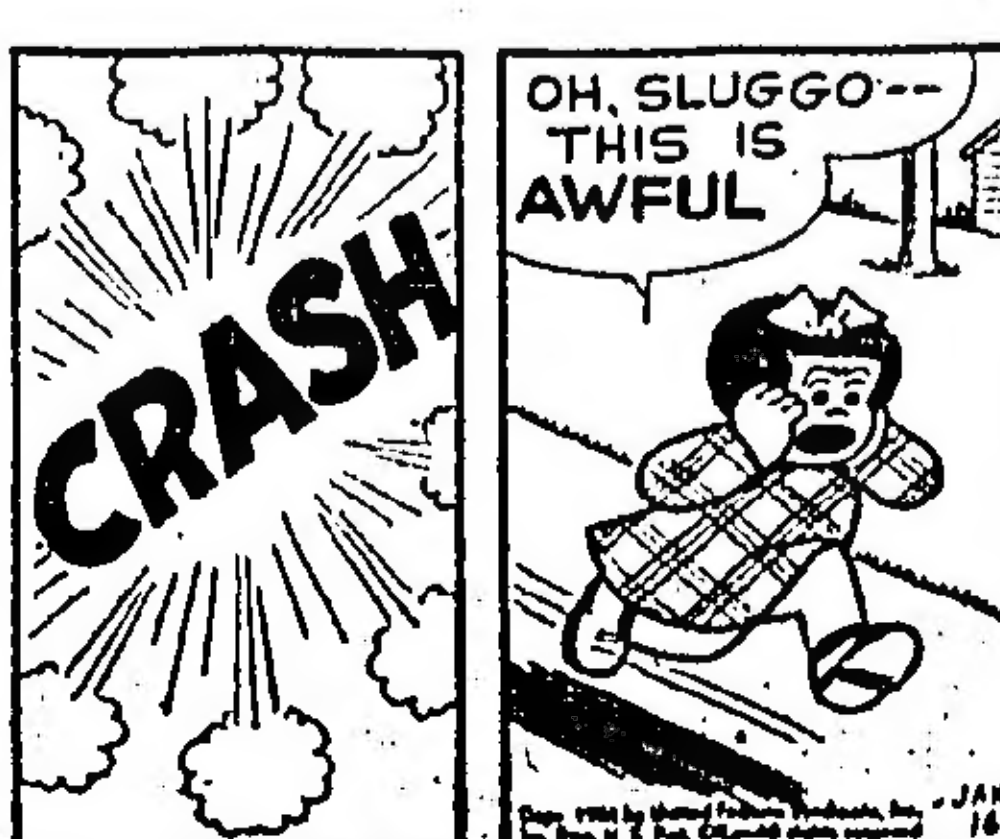
The main qualifications are that she be a college graduate with an ability to write and the fortitude to endure such hardships as might be encountered on the trip. If she can drive a jeep and also cook, then so much the better, Towns said.

Also needed are a photographer and a radio-mechanic. —United Press.

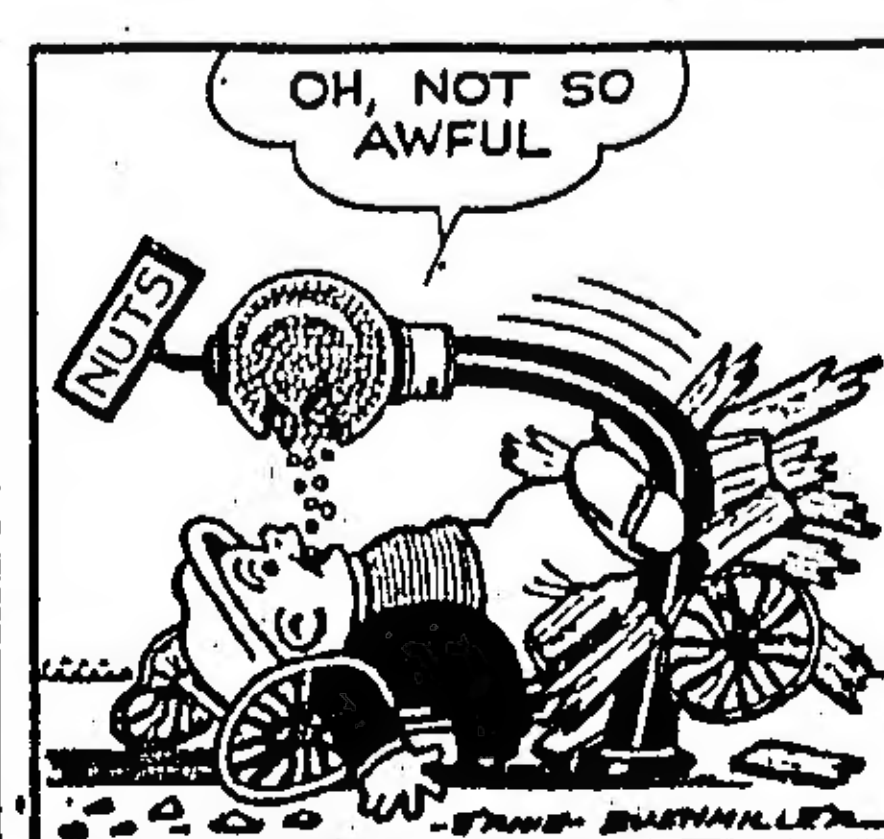
NANCY Hitting the Jackpot



OH, SLUGGO—THIS IS AWFUL



OH, NOT SO AWFUL

SOAP THAT SPELLS
BEAUTY

Vandenberg Foreign Policy Study Plan Wins Senate Support

Washington, Mar. 26.—Senator Arthur Vandenberg's proposal for a non-partisan commission to study long-range American foreign policy today won enthusiastic support in the Senate.

Several members were particularly interested in the Michigan Republican's suggestion which proposed that the Commission consider the problem of dealing with Western European nations after the Marshall European recovery programme expires in 1952.

Among the supporters of his proposal are Republican Alexander Smith and Democrats John Sparkman, Virgil Cushman, Chapman Willis Robertson and Lister Hill.

House voting on the omnibus foreign aid bill for the next fiscal year is due to begin on Tuesday. Administration adherents are most concerned about the provision that would provide \$35,000,000 for the start of President Truman's "Point Four" programme.

Some felt odds against its approval. There was nothing to indicate that Senator Vandenberg's suggestion for the "non-partisan" commission was needed with the current Republican attacks on the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson. But Senator Vandenberg was one of the chief architects of the bi-partisan foreign policy, and it seemed likely that he would be seriously concerned with any major threat to that policy, including the possibility of its collapse under election year political pressures.

RIGHT NOTE

Senator Smith, members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Senator Vandenberg "struck the right note" in proposing the bi-partisan commission.

Senator Robertson endorsed the proposal and predicted that American aid will still be needed after 1952 in Germany and Greece. He said that unemployed refugees in Western Germany and under par production will make the programme for Germany necessary.

Senator Sparkman agreed: "We are going to have some kind of programme after 1952," he said, "and called Senator Vandenberg's proposal a 'line item'."—United Press.

Washington, Mar. 26.—The United States wartime planning

Red Plot In Bolivia

La Paz, Mar. 26.—A Communist revolutionary plot today was crushed by police raiders who arrested 25 conspirators.

The police chief told a press conference that the police who broke up a meeting of a local cell of the "Partisans of Peace" found bundles of subversive literature and a list of names to rally against the government on Tuesday.

He himself led a party of uniformed police and six plainclothesmen which raided the meeting and made arrests.

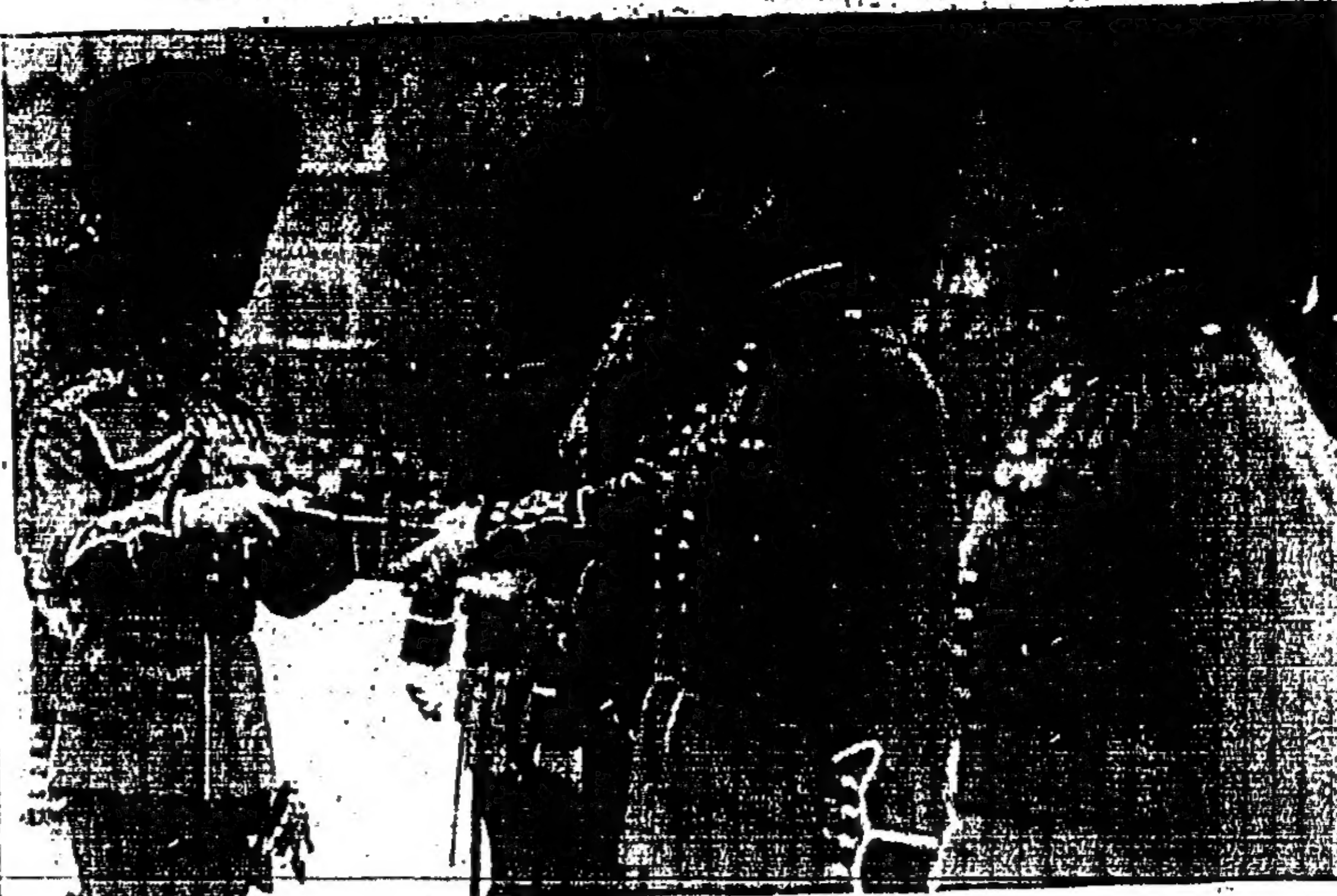
Persons arrested included Alfredo Suarez, a Communist, said to be the chief leader of the frustrated revolution, and a number of students from La Paz school, including two girls.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Come on down, it's only the Joneses—you don't have to doll up for them!"

Shamrock For Irish Guards



The King presented shamrock to the 1st Battalion, the Irish Guards, at the annual ceremonial parade on St. Patrick's Day at Chelsea Barracks, London. This year had a special significance—it marked the half-century of the formation of the regiment. (London Express Service).

PROFESSOR BERNAL'S NEW THEORY OF LIFE ORIGIN ENGAGING ATTENTION

London, Mar. 26.—A theory that life originated on the shores of the ancient seas under conditions which can never again be duplicated is engaging the attention of British scientists today. It is regarded as one of the most interesting contributions to science's greatest mystery in this century.

Professor J. D. Bernal, head of the Physics Department at Birkbeck College, offered his theory as a "crude" effort to explain how life came into being on this planet. But colleagues quickly noted that, unlike many other theories on the same subject, there are phases of Professor Bernal's explanation which can be tested in the laboratory.

According to the Bernal theory, the stage was set for life to make its appearance many millions of years ago when the earth's atmosphere, during the long cooling off period from the molten state, was composed mainly of nitrogen and carbon dioxide and the seas were a weak solution of ammonia, carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulphide.

At that time there was no ozone in the air to filter out the strong ultra-violet radiation from the sun. Thus

Australia's Role In Far East

Manila, Mar. 27.—The Australian Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Percy Spender, is returning to Manila today from Baguio, where he conferred with President Quirino.

He will address a session of the Philippine Senate shortly before noon.

Mr. Spender is expected to discuss Philippine-Australian relations in his speech, which will be the first to be delivered by an Australian before the Upper House of Congress.

Mr. Spender, who arrived with Mrs. Spender on Saturday afternoon, yesterday spent the day with President Quirino.

He told the press in Baguio that Australia wanted to promote closer relations with her neighbour countries, but declined to say whether Australia would join the Philippine-sponsored economic, political and cultural union of Western Pacific and Southeast Asian countries. He refused to commit himself on the union proposal until after the conference in Canberra of British Commonwealth nations next May.

The Minister said the Canberra conference would map out a plan to check penetration of "imperialistic Communism" in areas where he believed they have interest. He called attention to a speech he made when he assumed his office, in which he mentioned that economic and military weapons could be used by the democracies to arrest the spread of Communism. Such weapons should only be for defence and not for aggression.—United Press.

Hut Destroyed

A squatter's hut in Diamond Hill was destroyed by a fire at 2 a.m. today. No one was hurt and the Kowloon Fire Brigade put out the blaze before it could spread.

Allied View Of German Requests Said Favourable

Bonn, Mar. 26.—The Allies today informed the West German Government that they are passing to their three Governments the German request to be represented in the Council of Europe's Ministerial Committee, the Government's Liaison Office of the High Commission said tonight.

The Allies stated that they were "inclined to accept" two of the three German requests, the Office stated.

This acceptance means that the Allies will request Germany's adherence in writing and also guarantee that the Saar's associate membership is only temporary and depends on a German peace treaty, it was stated.

The Office said that the High Commission considered as outside their competence the third German request. This was that Germany's status as an associate member should be regarded as provisional and that Germany should have observers in the Committee of Ministers. Therefore, a decision would be left to the Governments in London, Washington and Paris.

GREAT STRESS

Government officials said that the Germans laid great stress on this last request as it would give Germany a superior status to the Saar.

Otherwise both would only be associate members represented solely in the Assembly. The three German requests, which had been treated as top secret by the German Government until their disclosure abroad, were discussed by the Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, and the High Commissioners last week.

The West German news agency, DPA, said that a leading Christian Democrat (Government party) politician was now in Paris for discussion with representatives of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. This discussion is believed to be about Germany's entry into the Council of Europe.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.05, "Children's Half Hour"—Conducted by Jack Frost. (Studio); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio); 7, World News and News Analysis. (London Relay); 7.15, Popular Vocal Group. 7.20, "Off the Record"—Presented by Ronnie Gibbons. (Studio); 8, "From the Editor's." (London Relay); 8.10, Linda Carter Talks on Film. (Studio); 8.25, "Like What I Like"—Presented by Alan Edgar. (Studio); 8.55, "Concerto"—Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2 in G. Op. 44. Domo Moselotte (Piano) and the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by George Weldon. 9.20, "It's Dancing Time"—1st Half. Camerons. (Radio from Forces Education Centre); 10, Radio News Item. (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, "Spanish Nights"—Presented by "Gloria". 10.25, "From the Baller"; 10.45, Dance to the Royal Air Force Band. Orchestra; 11.15, Weather Report. World News and Home News from Britain (London Relay Records) God Save the King; 11.50, Close Down.

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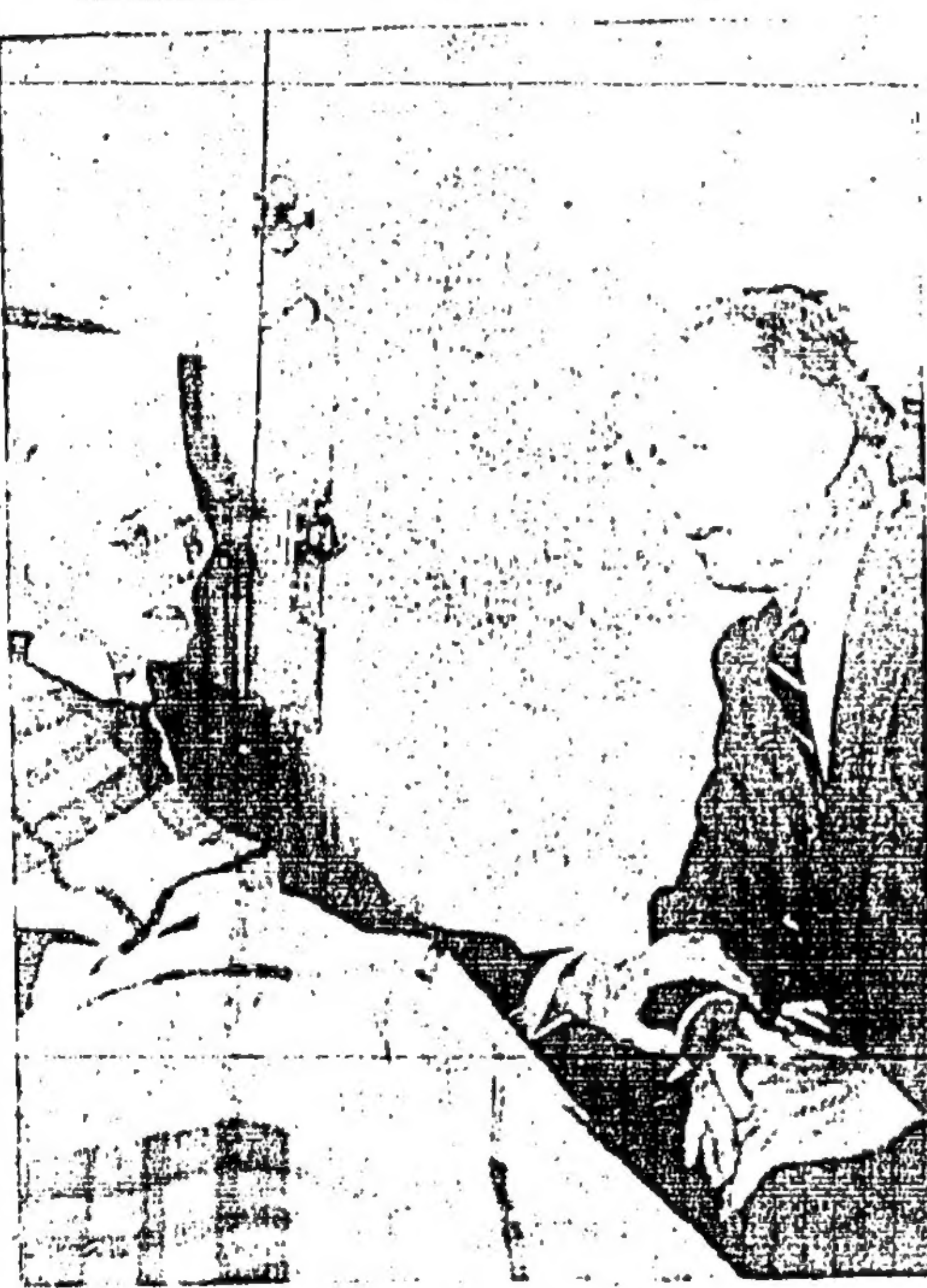
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Gustav And Leopold



The world's oldest Monarch, King Gustav of Sweden has a few words of advice for King Leopold of Belgium at a meeting in Nice. As a result of the referendum held earlier in the month, Belgium voted for his return from exile. The King had promised to abdicate in favour of his 19-year-old son Prince Badouin if he got fewer than 55 percent of the votes. (London Express Service).

Agricultural Meet At Geneva Ends In Dismal Failure

Geneva, Mar. 26.—The American efforts to bring East and West together in solving common agricultural problems ended unsuccessfully here late last night.

After a week's debate in the Economic Commission for Europe's Agricultural Committee, delegates from 19 countries went home with no concrete measures to show.

The discussion opened with a co-ordinated attack on West Europe's economy and the Marshall Plan as Russia and her satellites delivered long prepared statements.

There followed an involved debate on the problem of supplying information to the Economic Commission Secretariat. The Western delegates maintained that no progress could be made under the East co-operated in this matter.

The West forced a favourable vote on a resolution urging information supplementary to published Government reports. Spending hours discussing procedure, the delegates never got down to examining a single one of the Commission's proposals.

New Sarawak Governor

Singapore, Mar. 26.—The new Governor of Sarawak, Mr. Anthony Foster Abell, arrived here today on his way to Kuching to take up his appointment. Mr. Abell succeeded the late Mr. Duncan Stewart, who was assassinated by a young Malay at Sibu last December.—Reuter.

ARSENAL ARE ONE OF THE OLDEST TEAMS TO REACH THE CUP FINAL

London, Mar. 26.—Arsenal, who entered the Football Association Cup final at Wembley on April 29 by beating Chelsea in the semi-final replay, must be one of the oldest teams to reach the final stage.

Only four of the Arsenal team which beat Chelsea are under 30—Wally Barnes at left-back, Freddie Cox, the right-winger who scored the winning goal, Jimmy Logie, at inside-right, and the "baby" of the team, Peter Goring, at centre-forward.

The oldest member of the team is Leslie Compton, the elder brother of Denis Compton, who plays at outside-left. Leslie will be 38 this year and he is run close by Joe Mercer, the captain, who is 35.

Assuming that Leslie Compton is fit and selected for centre-half, his choice can be taken for granted—his appearance at Wembley will be his third Cup final.

SCORPIONS NEED ONE POINT

The Scorpions, who easily accounted for Craigen-gower in their one but last match in the First Division of the Cricket League at Happy Valley on Saturday, now need a draw from their remaining match against Commandos at Chater Road for the Championship.

Army easily accounted for Commandos at Sookumpoo and can still tie should they win both their remaining matches and Scorpions lose their last one.

The season is near its end and five of the postponed matches were played over the week-end in the Senior Division.

Howlers came into their own with Frank Howarth taking time for 26 against Craigen-gower, leaving him two wickets for a 100 in the League this season, or an average of five a match.

A. Briggs of Commandos took seven for 30 against RAF for a surprising Commando victory at Sookumpoo yesterday by six wickets and P. J. Billingham 6 for 12 against Navy yesterday to give Craigen-gower their third victory of the season.

HOW THEY STAND

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| Army | 18 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 52 |
| RAF | 19 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 42 |
| Recreo | 17 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 39 |
| University | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 33 |
| KCC | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 25 |
| Optimists | 19 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 26 |
| CCC | 18 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 21 |
| IRC | 17 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 19 |
| R. Navy | 18 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 16 |
| Commandos | 18 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 14 |

| Second Division | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|-----------------|----|---|---|----|-----|
| KCC | 15 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 30 |
| Commandos | 15 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 36 |
| Recreo | 15 | 8 | 0 | 7 | 32 |
| IRC | 16 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 34 |
| KGVs | 15 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 19 |
| RAF | 17 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 29 |
| Dockyard | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 23 |
| R. Navy | 15 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 12 |
| University | 15 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 10 |

* Includes two points for tied game.

Schoolboys Lose To Kitchee

An exciting match was witnessed at Causeway Bay yesterday, when the Kitchee Junior beat the Schoolboys Interiors in a soccer trial by four goals to two.

Like his younger brother, Denis Leslie has yet to gain an FA Cup winners' medal. Both were on the Arsenal staff in 1930 when the "Gunners" last won the Cup, but neither commanded a regular first place.

WITHIN NORTH LONDON

Arsenal have probably set up a record by reaching the Cup final without playing out of their district in North London.

THREE LEFT

Of the team which represented Arsenal at Wembley in that match, which they drew 1-1 with Preston North End, only the Compton brothers and still playing for the club.

Two years later, Arsenal made their next appearance at the famous Stadium, where they beat Charlton Athletic 7-1 in the Football League South Cup final, the score being Reg Lewis, who still plays at inside-left (4); Ted Drake, who is now manager of Reading (2); and Denis Compton.

Leslie was at left-back on that day. He did not become a regular centre half until after the war but so well is he performing that it is difficult to realise that he joined Arsenal as long ago as 1932.

Test Match

PAKISTAN SCORE 362 IN FIRST INNINGS

Karachi, Mar. 26.—Pakistan this morning completed their first innings in the Test here against Ceylon by adding another 91 runs to their overnight score for the loss of their four remaining wickets.

A strong breeze swept across the pitch when Fazal Mahmud and Asghar, who were not out overnight, continued the innings before a sprinkling of spectators. Gunesena and Wijesinghe opened the attack but Sal-pathado was soon in action from the Government House end.

This change proved fruitful, for in his second over he shattered Fazal's wickets with a medium fast straight ball.

Within the first half hour of play the tourists met with another quick success when Khan Mohammed missed the ball from Gunesena and edged it into the safe hands of Navaratne behind the wicket.

Runs still came slowly, and mostly in singles after the left handed Chappa had stepped in and the tourists' play saw the addition of only 30 runs. With the total at 347 and his own score at 67, Asghar lifted Gunesena to the long-off, where Makhin Ballin failed to hold what seemed to be an easy catch.

FIELDING LAPSE

Another fielding lapse robbed the tourists of Chappa's wicket when the Ceylonese captain, Jayawickreme failed to hold the ball, which edged out of his hands.

The ninth wicket partnership, which had yielded 67 runs, ended when Asghar was run out while trying to collect four runs.

Khalid Gureshi, the last man, was adjudged left before to Wijesinghe without further addition to the score and on the fall of the last wicket the teams adjourned for lunch.

Ceylon made 57 runs for the loss of one wicket in their first innings after lunch. They were then abandoned for the day owing to rain.—Reuters.

FIRST DAY'S PLAY

A grand fighting knock of 127, including 11 fours by Imtiaz Ahmad, and a creditable 56 by Masood, enabled Pakistan to reach a healthy score of 271 for six wickets when play ended on the first day of the Bash Jinnah ground.

Imtiaz's polished innings was not entirely free from blemish. He gave two chances at 72 and at 100. Apart from these two lapses, he delighted the small crowd present with excellent crisp cuts and neat leg glances.

The tourists were smart in the field, the wicketkeeper, Navaratne, being outstanding. He gave Imtiaz his first life, but made amends later by smartly stumping him.

The other opening batsman, Nazir, also fell a victim to his quick work. Dalpathad, running yards down to the boundary from mid-on to deep square leg, accepted an almost impossible home skipper.

Ceylon tried 11 bowlers during the day, varying the attack from medium fast to spin.

Gunesena and Dicosoya, who were given long spells, were the most successful, taking three wickets for 60 and two for 56 respectively.—Reuters.

OXFORD WINS By Five Wickets

In one of the highest scoring games of the season, nearly 450 runs were made in all as Oxford beat Cambridge in their annual clash by five wickets. Top-scorer of the day was L. T. Ride for Dark Blues, who made 77 before he retired.

Battling first Cambridge made 205. Topscorer for the Light Blues was Hughes who made an undefeated 68. He was backed up by Darbyshire (38) and McLeellan and Coombes who both made 29.

Oxford, in reply, were given a great start by their opening bats, Gittins and Stapleton. Between them they made 73 of which Gittins scored 50. Then Ride with his 77 and a 24 from White took the score along to 241 to give the Dark Blues a five-wicket win.

CAMBRIDGE

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| Darbyshire, b Gittins | 38 |
| McLeellan, b Attwell | 29 |
| Newton, c and b Gittins | 12 |
| McLeellan, c Attwell, b Ride | 24 |
| Coombes, c Gittins, b Smith | 29 |
| Compentwell, c Smith, b Attwell | 10 |
| Cox, c Endacott, b Smith | 10 |
| Barlow, not out | 10 |
| Hooton, at Stapleton, b Ride | 10 |
| Morrison, b Smith | 0 |
| Extras | 0 |
| Total | 305 |

Bowling Analysis

| | O | M | R | W |
|---------|---|----|----|----|
| Attwell | 9 | 53 | 4 | 11 |
| Lee | 4 | 22 | 0 | 1 |
| Smith | 4 | 29 | 0 | 2 |
| Gittins | 7 | 1 | 34 | 2 |
| Ride | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

OXFORD

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| Gittins, c McLeellan | 50 |
| Stapleton, c and b Hooton | 43 |
| White, c and b McLeellan | 24 |
| Ride, retired | 77 |
| Attwell, b Hooton | 24 |
| White, retired | 24 |
| Endacott, c Mayard | 10 |
| Barlow, not out | 10 |
| Hooton, at Stapleton, b Ride | 10 |
| Morrison, b Smith | 0 |
| Extras | 0 |
| Total (for 5 wks) | 341 |

Bowling Analysis

| | O | M | R | W |
|-------------|----|---|----|---|
| Morrison | 8 | 0 | 41 | 2 |
| McLeellan | 10 | 4 | 27 | 0 |
| Cox | 2 | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| Compentwell | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Barlow | 13 | 3 | 43 | 2 |
| Maynard | 4 | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| Hooton | 1 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| Newton | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

OXFORD PRACTICE ON THE TIDEWAY

The crew that, bar accidents, will represent Oxford in the University Boat Race from Putney to Mortlake on April 1 out on a full course trial near Putney. Left to right, the crew members are J. E. C. Hinchcliffe (Trinity), cox; A. J. M. Cavenagh (Magdalen), stroke; D. N. Callender (Trinity), J. Hayes (New College), G. C. Flak (Oriel), J. M. Clay (Magdalen), H. J. Fenton (Magdalen), P. Gladstone (Christ Church) and J. G. C. Blacker (Balliol), bow.



A Million People Will Be Lining The Banks

London, Mar. 26.—A million people will line a four and a quarter mile stretch of the river Thames on Saturday for the greatest free sporting spectacle in the world—the annual University boat race between Oxford and Cambridge.

For the 16 hefty oarsmen, matching muscle and watermanship along the gruelling winding course, there will be no cups, medals or prizes. They will have spent three months of self-denial and hard work, sweating at the oars through the fogs and rain of winter and spring, to weld themselves into machine-like perfection—all for the honour of a Blue, the hall-mark of achievement in sport at the Universities.

Though an estimated million people line the tow-paths and vantage points, there is no charge for this annual event, which costs each University boat club about £1,000.

£3 PER STROKE

Allowing an average stroking rate of 30 in the minute over an average time of 20 minutes for the course, this works out at the rate of about £3 per stroke. A new boat costs £250.

The race itself rarely produces a thrilling finish, though in 1877 there was a dead-heat, and last year Cambridge got up on the pace after being led most of the way, but there is always a terrific tussle at some point along the course.

There are two 90-degrees bends in favour of the Middlesex side, and one of 180 degrees in favour of Surrey, and the race usually develops into a struggle for the inside of these bends, particularly for the long Surrey one.

The Surrey boat has to hang on grimly in the knowledge that it has the longest corner of the race in its favour. If it can only keep level until it is reached. For this reason the Surrey station is usually chosen by the toss winner these days, though Middlesex was favoured in the past.

DECIDING POINT

Hammersmith Bridge, one mile, five furlongs from the start, is the point where the race is usually won and lost, for it is difficult to keep all round the outside of the Surrey bend, particularly in rough water.

Cambridge have been hot favourites with the tide-way experts, but a comparison of the full course trial times has caused some revision of opinion.

In the final trial, Cambridge were only 10 seconds faster than Oxford, but allowing for the better conditions this leaves the issue wide open.

Cambridge are a very strong crew, with an average weight of 12 stone, eight pounds, but Oxford, averaging 12 stone, five pounds, have impressed with the skilful handling of their craft in rough water.

Oxford have proved themselves faster starters, and if they can establish a commanding lead at Hammersmith Bridge, they have a good chance of holding off the heavier Cambridge crew.

This year's race will be the 96th since the series started in 1829. Cambridge have won 21 of the last 25, but their overall advantage is not so great. Cambridge have won 51 and Oxford 43, with one dead-heat.—Reuters.

SANDS TO FIGHT IN SINGAPORE

Sydney, Mar. 25.—Dave Sands, Australian, holder of the Empire middleweight title, will fight "Boy" Brooks, welter-middle and lightweight champion of the Orient in Singapore on April 14.

Sands' manager, Tom McQuire, said today that he had cabled an acceptance of an offer of A.E.1,000 and return fares for Sands and himself to Singapore, from the Stadium manager, Mr R. Azar.

McQuire added that he has planned to take Sands to London in May.—Reuters.

MARKED INFLUENCE OF WING FORWARDS IN POSTWAR RUGBY

London, Mar. 26.—Marked influence of the wing forwards in postwar Rugby has strengthened the opinion of many of the game's leading personalities that excessive attention is being paid to loose play by back row forwards.

There was a time when these back row men, packed tightly, exerted their full weight in the scrummages and stayed down until the scrum half had set his backs in motion.

Now, the average wing forward is essentially a spoiler. He rarely gives an honest shove, preferring instead either to lean on the scrum or to pounce on the opposing scrum half immediately the ball clears the heels of the scrum.

His very presence tends to limit the scope of open play outside since frequently the scrum half is not given the room in which to start three-quarter movements.

Consequently, many matches are spoiled as a spectacle by this confusion and indecisive play around the scrum, which exasperates the purist who delights at the sight of backs in full flight.

The solution to the problem lies in tactics. No wing forward would stand a chance against the quick, clean heel which gives the scrum half time to get out the ball, unhampered, to his partner.

BADMINTON FINALS TONIGHT

The final stage of the Colony Badminton Championships has now been reached and this evening the first of the finals will be played at the Club de Recreio. The finals will be continued on Wednesday at the same place and on Thursday, April 6, there is a grand finale at the conclusion of which Lady Grantham will present the prizes.

The highlight of tonight is the meeting of Robert Tay and C. K. Lee in the Senior Men's Singles. The latter is the holder. Both these players met in last season's final, Lee running out winner. The road to the final has been a rough one for both competitors.

Tay beat Junior Champion N. T. Yeow in a thrilling three-setter last Monday. C. K. Lee was hard pressed in his semi-final tie and just managed to beat K. S. Low of the University. This match is a "battle of the giants" with Lee determined to retain his title and Tay seeking to win the Championship he held two years ago.

Miss Ullian Khoo will be defending her title tonight against a seasoned campaigner, Miss Marie Ribeiro. Ullian is much faster and stronger than her opponent who will have to adopt crafty tactics if she hopes to win the title.

A fast exciting game should be witnessed in the Schoolboys' Doubles Final between Y. Tso and Benjamin Saw and P. Allay and J. Pomeroy. The latter named pair polished off their semi-final opponents in no mean fashion when they beat them 15-4, 15-4, and start off as favourites in tonight's match. Pomeroy is one of Hong Kong's most promising players and his skilful play may produce a surprise result.

A semi-final tie is on the programme, J. A. Soares and Mrs Soares against A. D. Brown and Miss Marie Rosario. Both the men in this game are very evenly matched and the result will likely depend on the play of their lady partners.

Play commences at 8 p.m.

Clean Sweep By Welsh

Cardiff, Mar. 25.—Wales made history at Cardiff today where, in defeating France by three goals, a penalty goal and a try (21 points), they became the first Welsh side since 1911 to win all four Rugby International Championship matches in a season.

Wales won without much difficulty in the end, but could not gain the lead until Prat, one of the best French forwards, had retired from the game with an injured leg shortly before the interval.

This injury, coupled with one that greatly reduced the effectiveness of Prat's half, seriously handicapped the Frenchmen, who long before the end were a well-beaten side.

Even so, Wales were not seen at their best by the 52,000-crowd. Until he went off, Prat gave special attention to Cleaver and severely restricted the fly-half's chances. Afterwards, Cleaver made good use of his freedom. Brun, the French full-back, saved his side from a heavier reverse, his tackling and fielding being admirable.

Apart from Merquoy, the three-quarters did not impress, being too orthodox. The scrum-half and forwards were often overplayed.

Jack Matthews was in good form at centre for Wales and Ken Jones used his chances smartly. Other prominent Welsh players were Cliff Davies and Evans.—Reuters.

PAT TODD WINS

Mrs Patricia Todd won the Alexandria International Lawn Tennis Championship by beating a fellow Californian, Miss Gertrude Moran, 1-0, 6-3, 6-0. Gottfried von Cramm of Germany and Jack Harper of Australia won the men's doubles championship when they beat the Czech, Jaroslav Drobny and Australia's Adrian Quiet, 2-0, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.—United Press.

CCNY WIN THE EASTERN FINAL

New York, Mar. 25.—City College of New York's Hooring Racetracks, bent on collegiate basketball's first grand slam, bitterly protected a scant lead for most of the second half to win 78 to 73 in the Eastern final of the NCAA playoffs.—United Press.

ARMY TAKE Honours In Rugger

The Army rugger team took the honours for the season yesterday by beating the Club 16-6. This is the worst defeat that the Club has suffered.

Movements were clean throughout by both teams and it was this fact that made the game one of the fastest of the season.

Eberle handled the game well and he rarely had to use his whistle.

Tomline, the Army fullback discovered during the "Sevens", played a superb game. His kicking was excellent and his side soon realised that he had a pair of safe hands to keep them out of trouble when the Club was attacking.

Johnny Henderson was not far behind when he was in the same position, but he was over-shadowed.

Tomline is the Army "find" of the season, but unfortunately too late.

The Club forwards without Carrel and Hutson were not the same crew which had thrashed their way to victory in the R.C.T. Even if they had been playing they would never have beaten the Army yesterday or even held them.

TWO GOOD TRIES

McNabb replaced Claved (the latter is very ill) and if he has never played a better game he excelled himself with two good tries yesterday.

Ken Wilson, who "hung up his boots" some weeks ago, made a comeback as Claved's replacement and scored seven points (one try and two conversions).

Club were not in the show in the lineouts as the Army kept Farquharson well under the thumb. Forgive tried all he knew to keep the pace on a ball but on many instances they were not there as they normally were in the R.C.T.

Club attacks were cut off with the fast moving Army backs.

Cutting a long story short the Army won the game which won the Club all its victories.

Gower scored for the Army after receiving a pass inside from Wilson; he was brought down on the line. Wilson converted.

After the interval Club pressed to the attack, but it was not long before Wilson sent the ball out to the backs from a scrum on the half-way line. It came back to him and he nipped through. He also converted.

A kick ahead by the Army was followed up by McNabb and when Lechin failed to pick up he kicked into the center took up the ball and went over, Wilson converted.

FREE KICK

Doug Henderson scored from a freekick.

Wilson started the next movement for McNabb to score. The ball came out of the scrum on the 20 yard line and he cut through on the inside and passed when McNabb came up. Wilson failed to convert.

Doug Henderson scored an easy penalty just before the whistle.

The Teams: Army—Tomline; Gregson, Bal-dock, McNabb, Gower; Innes, Wilson; Yairle, Windham, Jennings, McAdam, De Villiers; Richardson, Bradley, Evans.

Club—Henderson; Mackie, Turvill, Stewart, Nolan; Lechin, Forgasie, Moffat, Luscombe, Milne, Winyard, Blair, Farquharson, Thompson.

Selection XV beat the Commando Select 6-5.

